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THE WITCH OF THE SOUTH



SEVILLE, FORMER CAPITAL OF AL-ANDALUS, 844 A.D.

WE'VE BEEN MOORED HERE FOR THIRTEEN DAYS, BJORNOLFR. THE SARACENS ARE CLOSING IN, AND WE'RE OUTNUMBERED. WE NEED TO GET AWAY, BY ODIN!

WHO CARES ABOUT THOSE COWARDS, GORM?! I'M NOT LEAVING THIS PLACE WITHOUT A GIFT FIT FOR OUR KING.

THEN HE'LL HAVE TO LET ME MARRY HIS DAUGHTER.

WHAT IF IT'S A TRAP? YOU CAN'T RELY ON THE WORDS OF AN OLD MAN WHOSE FAMILY YOU THREATENED TO KILL!

HE WAS PROBABLY LYING THROUGH HIS TEETH SO YOU'D LET THEM LIVE.

YOU MAY BE RIGHT, COMRADE. BUT IN ANY CASE, WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.

HERE!

I REFUSE TO DIE HERE. THE JOURNEY TO REACH VALHALLA IS FAR TOO LONG--

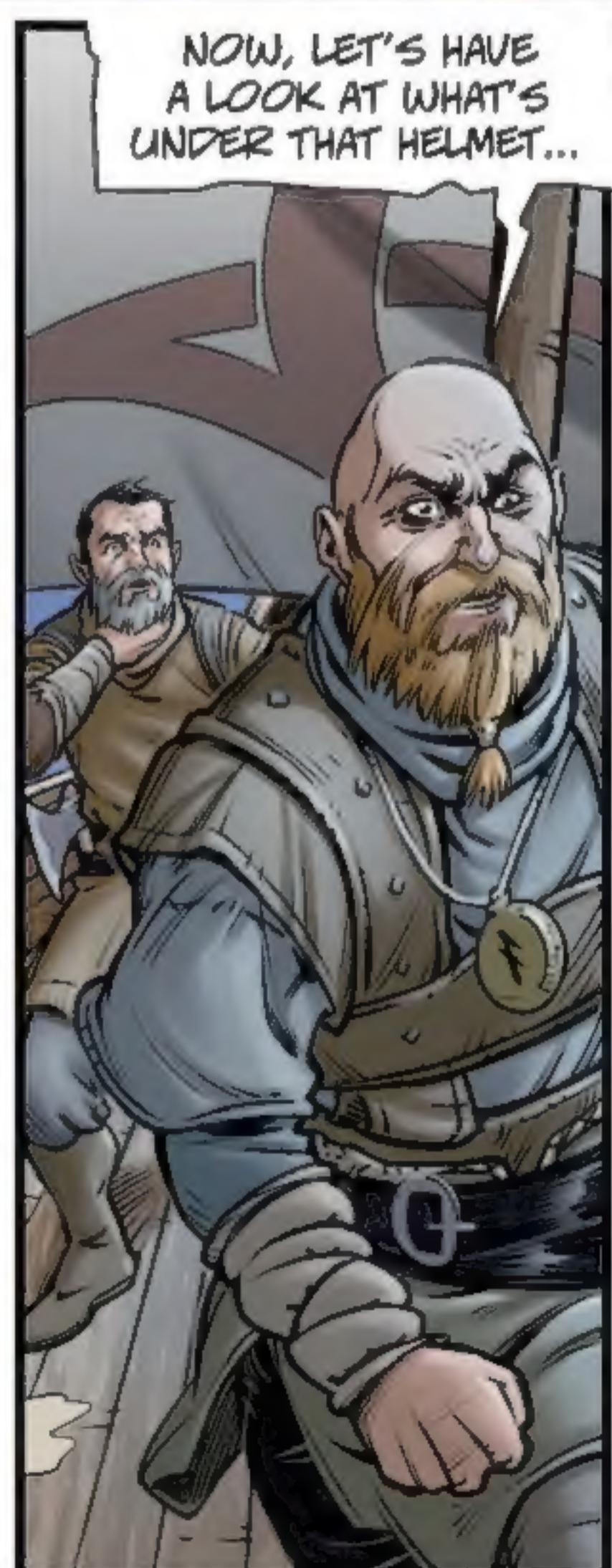
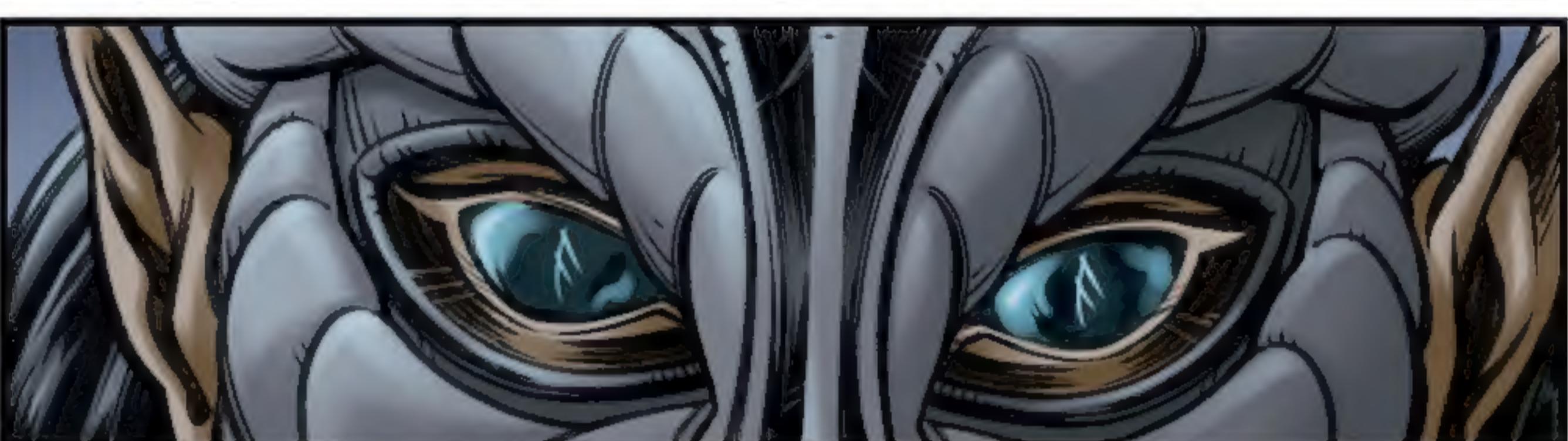
ANY MORE TALKING, GORM, AND I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET THERE FIRST. NOW KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

IT... IT HERE, IS PROMISE!

IF HE'S LYING, I'LL PULL HIS TEETH OUT AND GET HIM TO MAKE ME A NECKLACE!

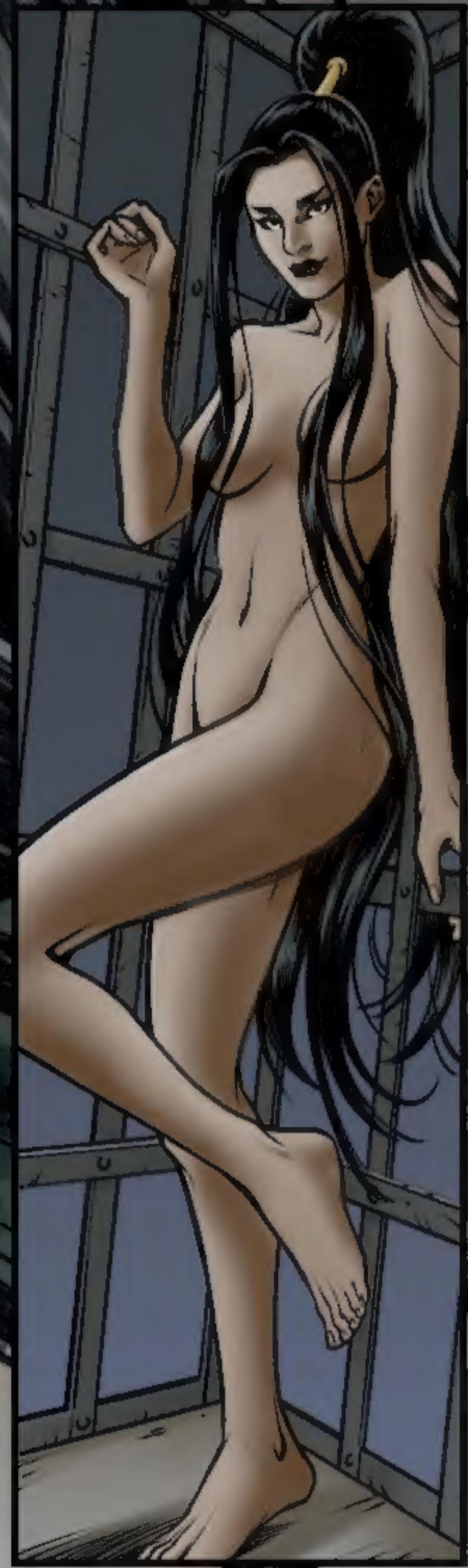








B-BY
THE BLOOD
OF LOKI!



COME TO ME,
EASTERN
PRINCESS.



LET ME TASTE
YOUR LIPS.

BRAAOOOMMM

"WE'RE CAPSIZING!"

"BY ODIN, GET US UPRIGHT!"

"BJÖRNOLFR?"

"BJÖRNOLFR?!"

WHAT IN THE... ?!

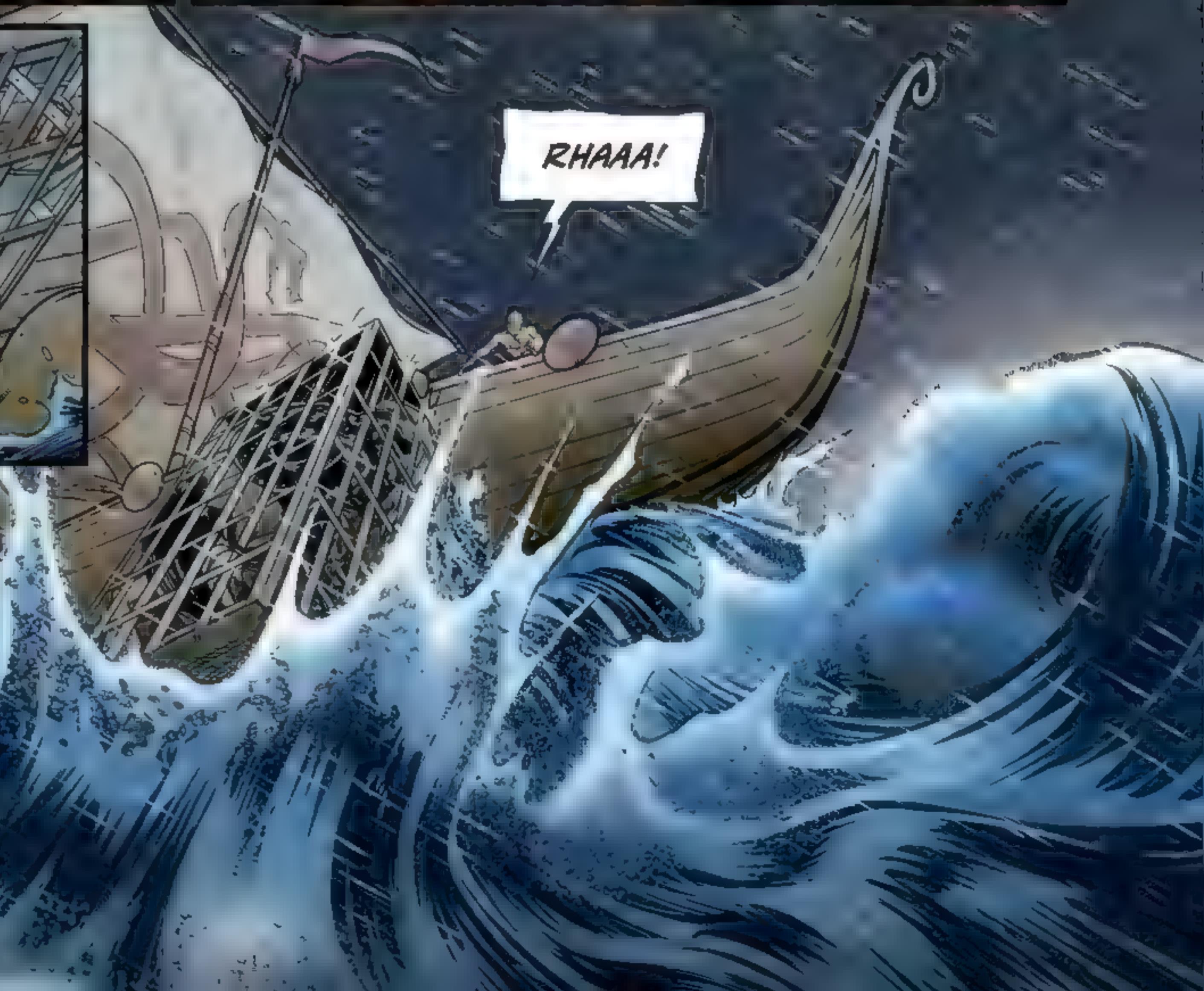
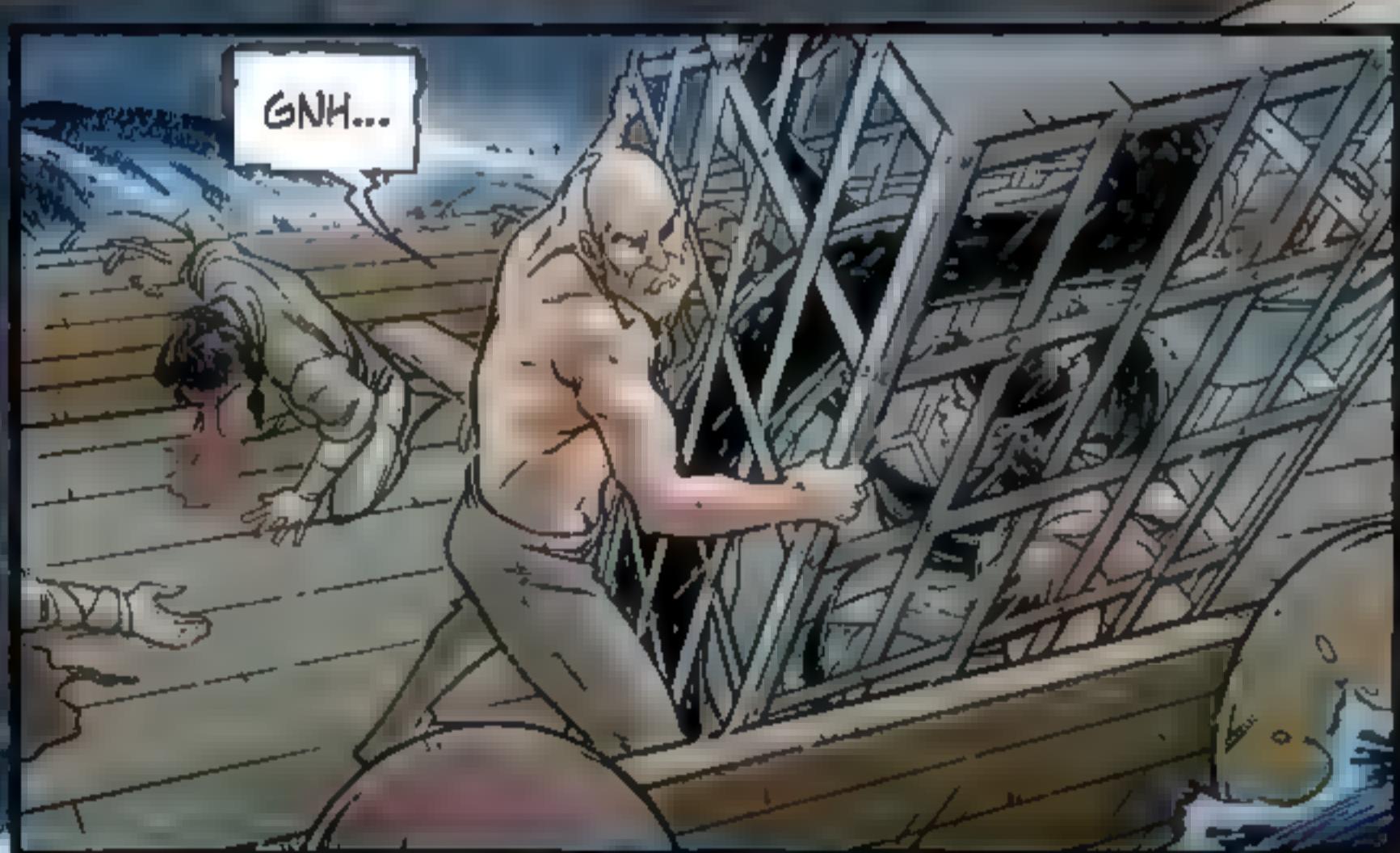
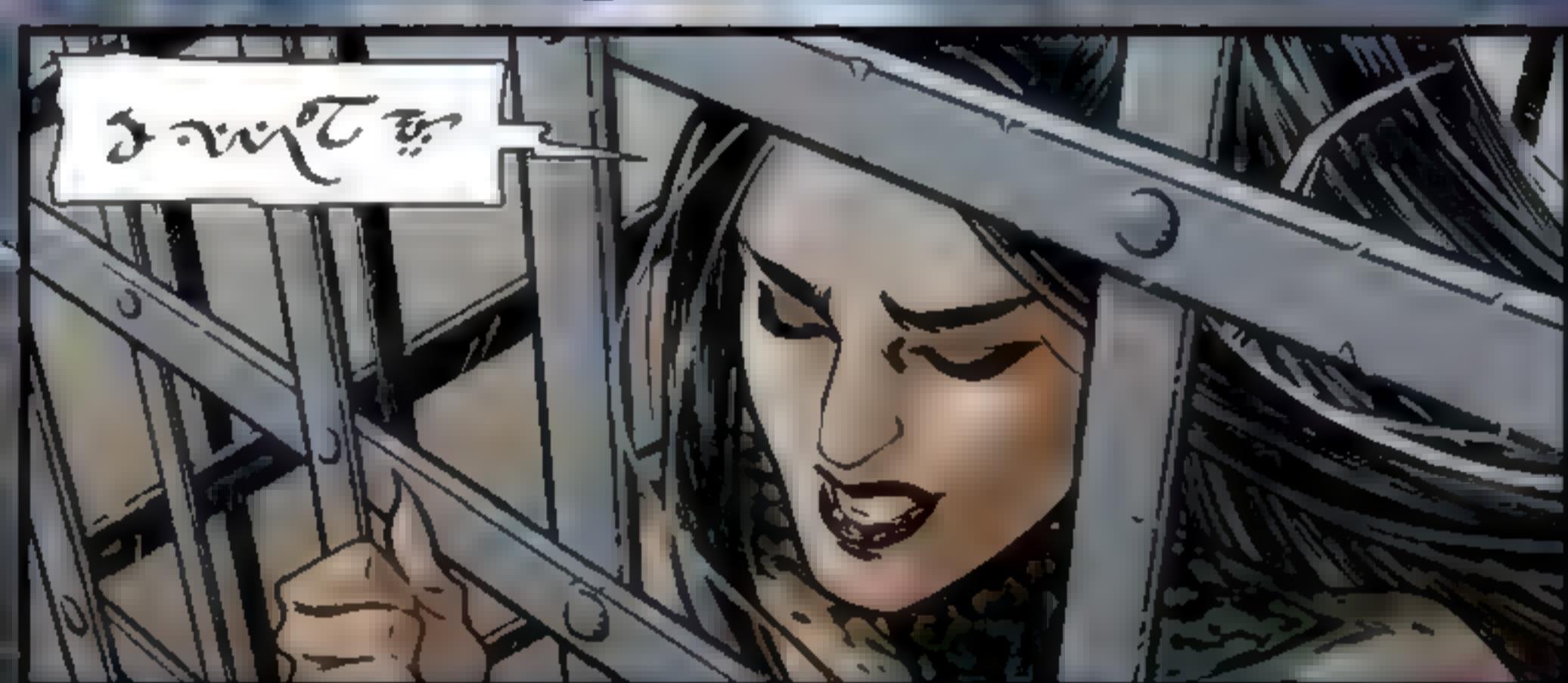
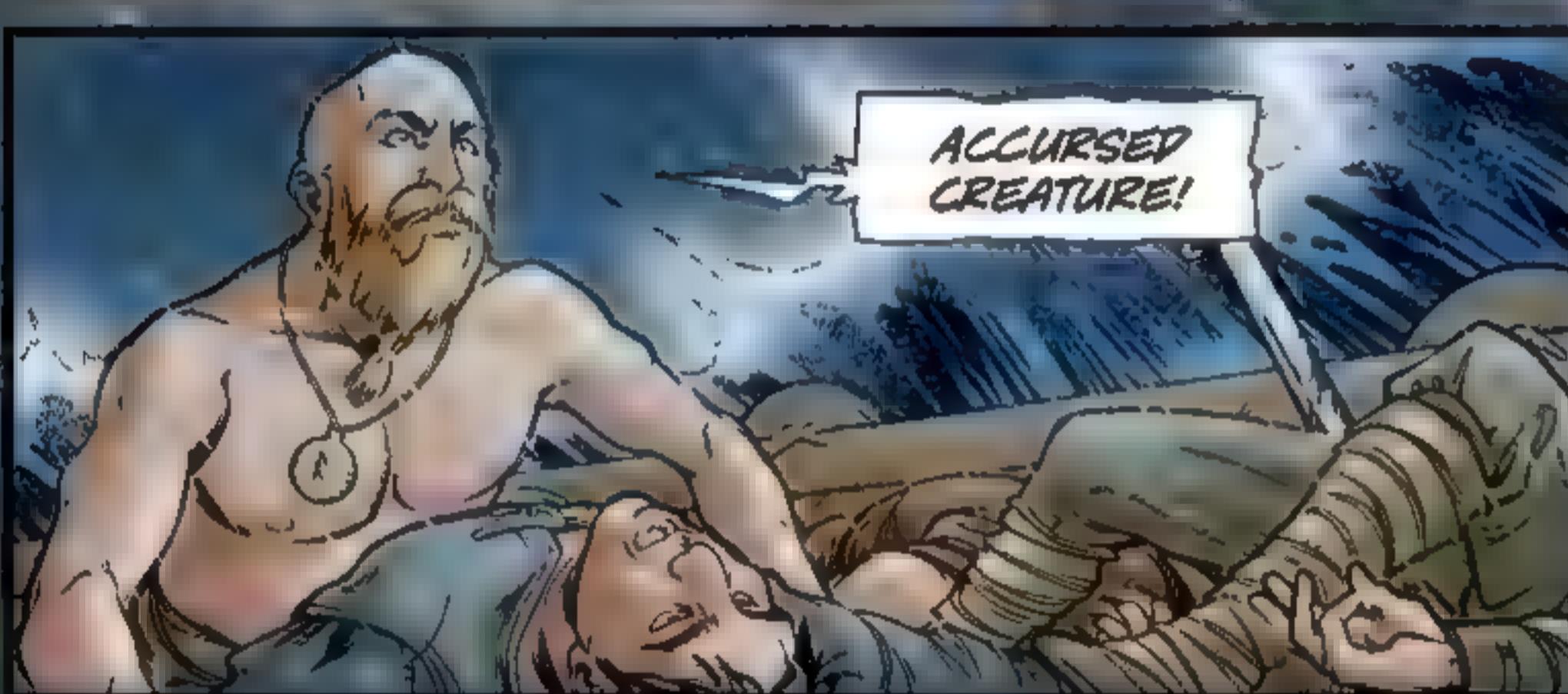
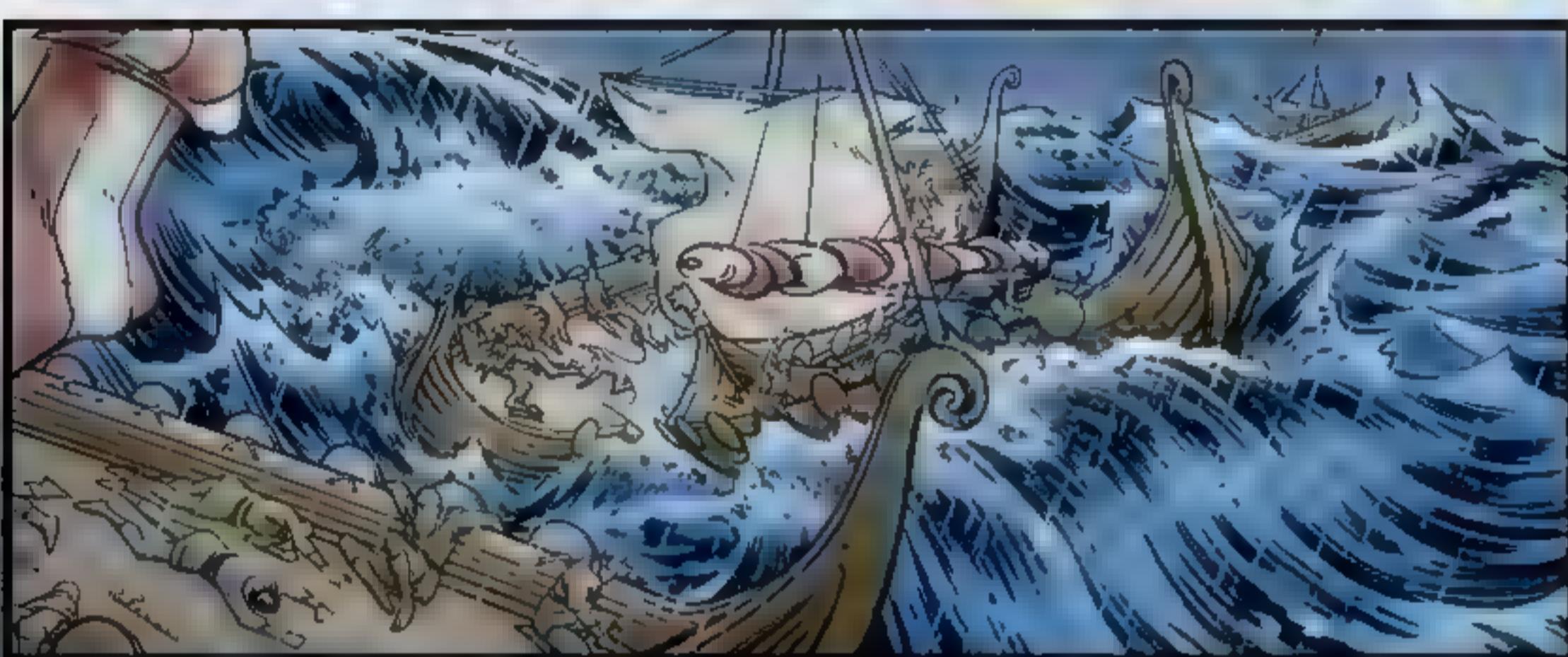
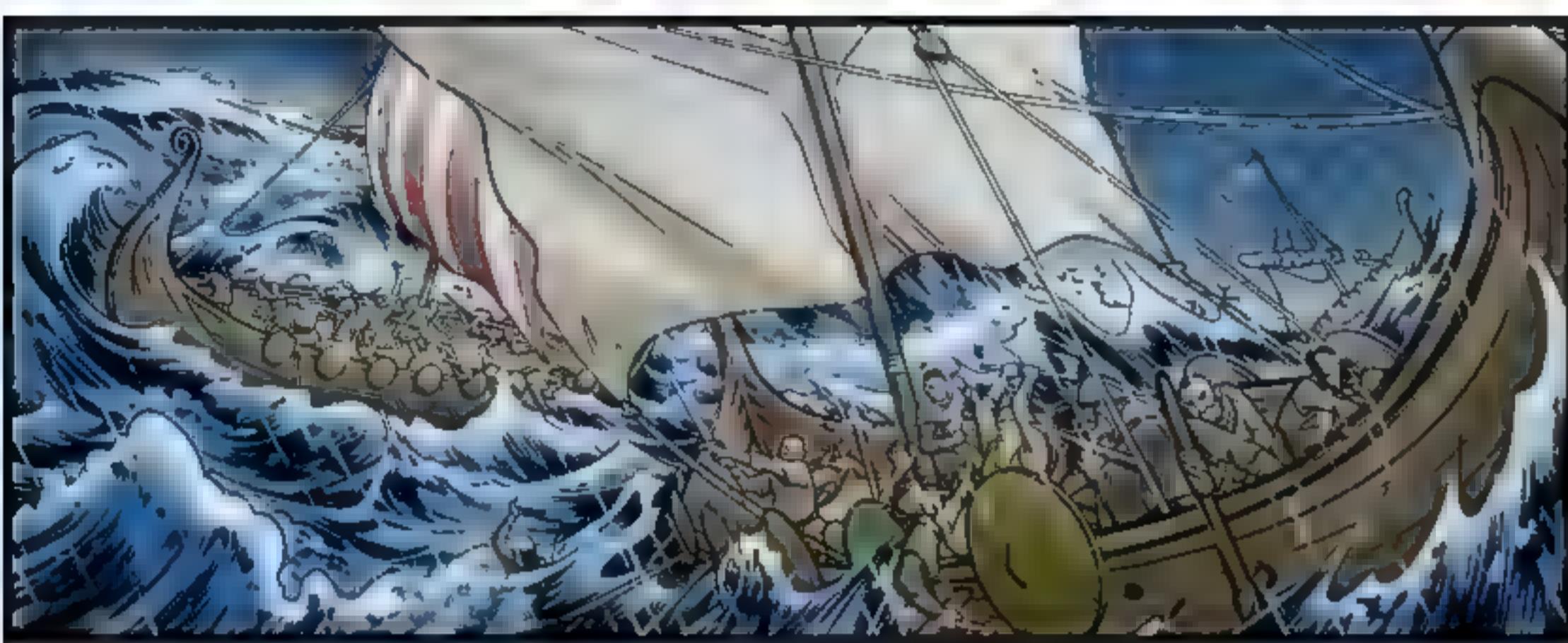
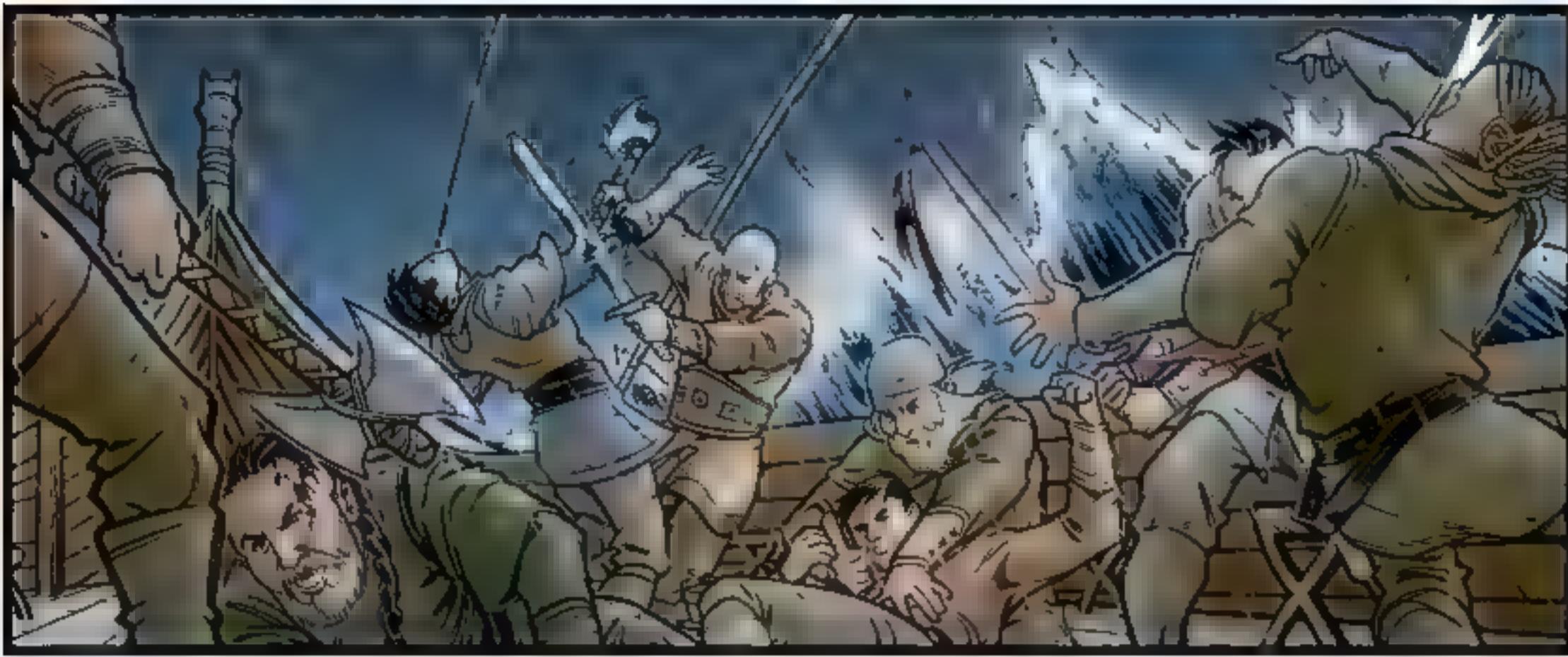
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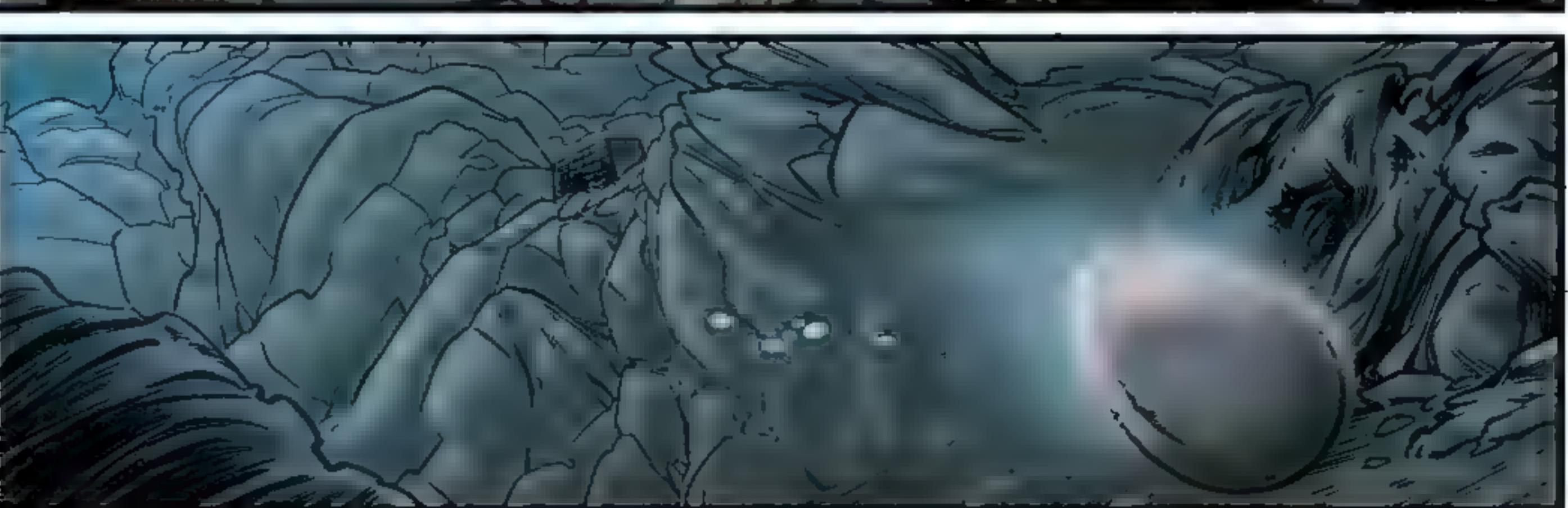
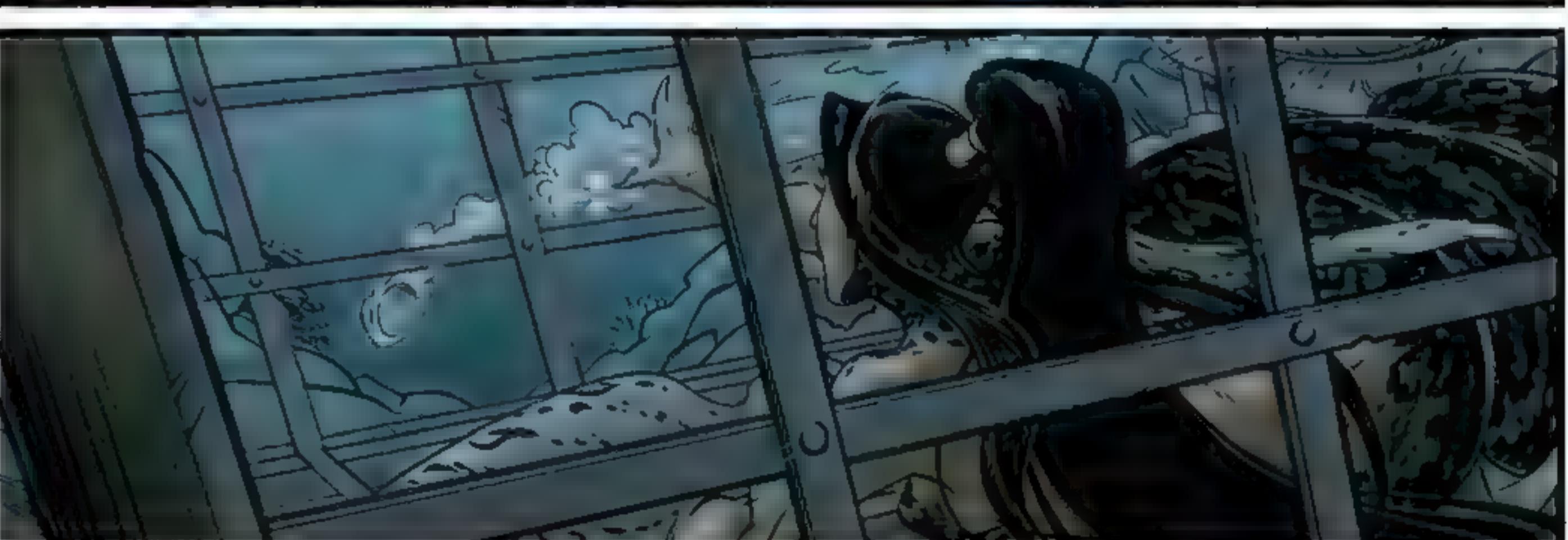
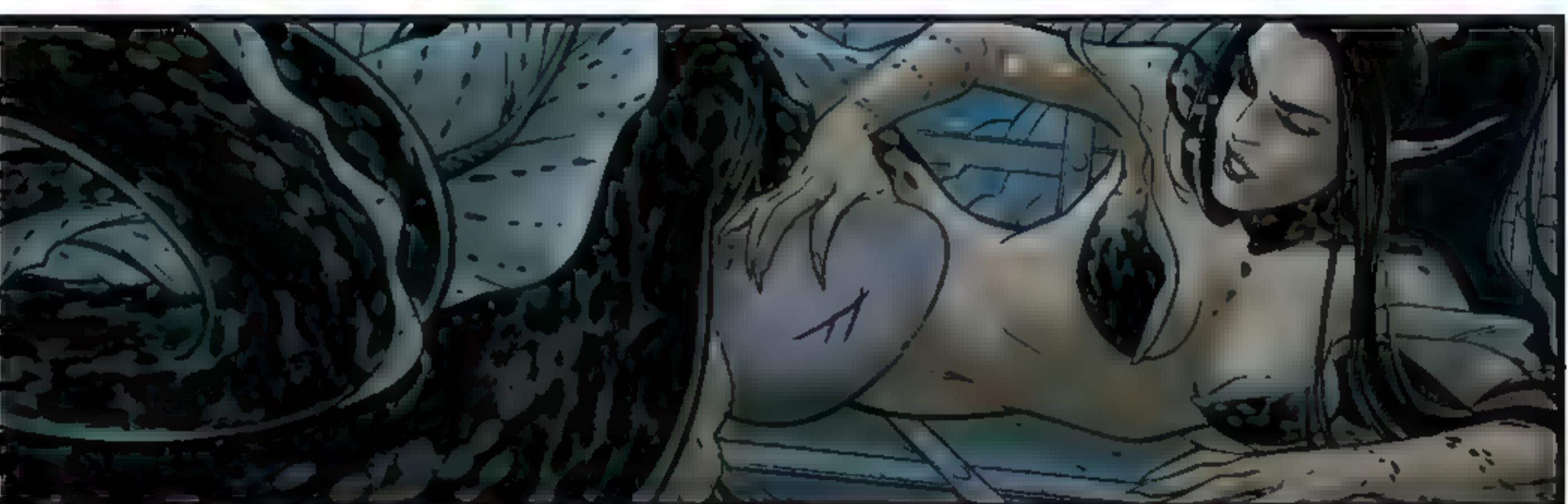
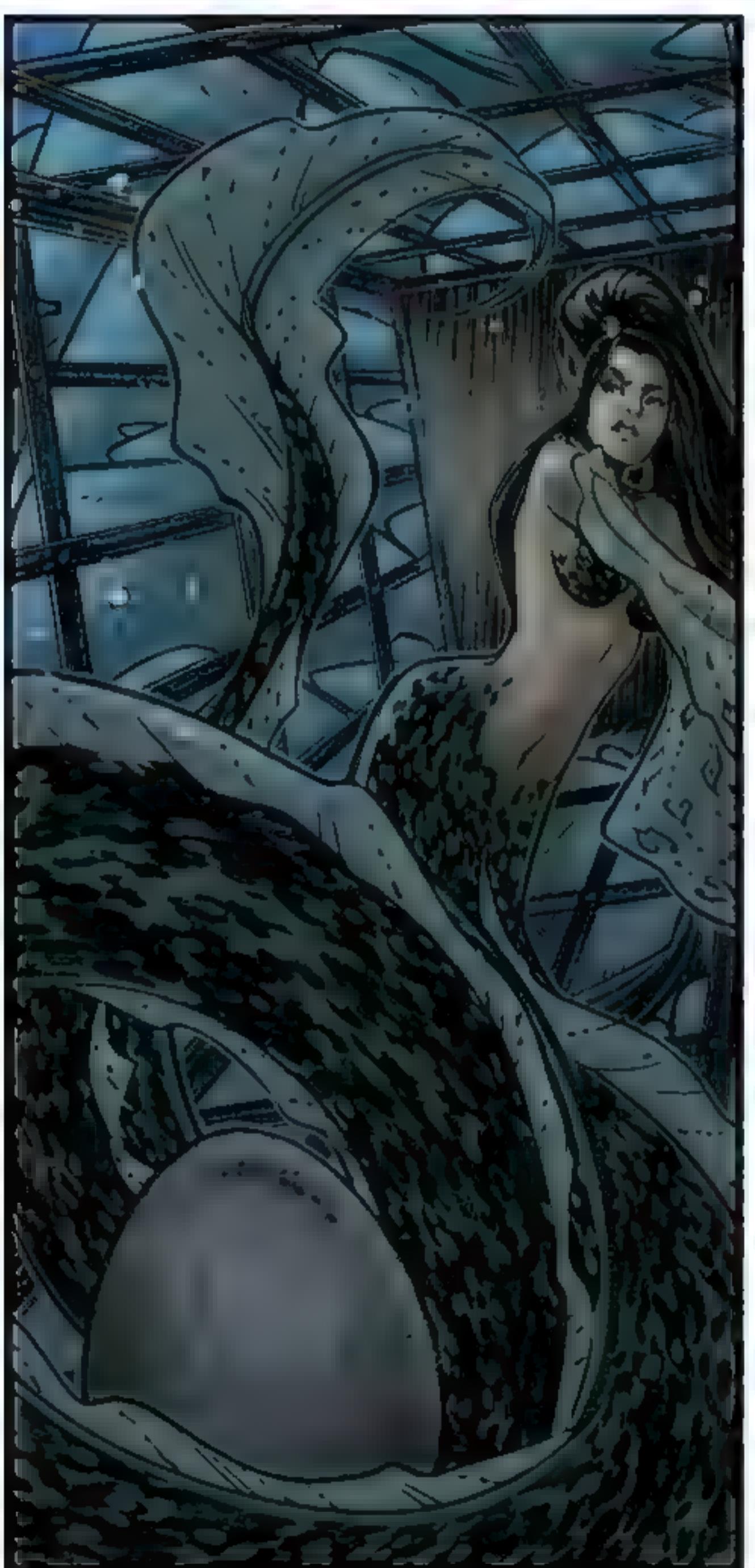
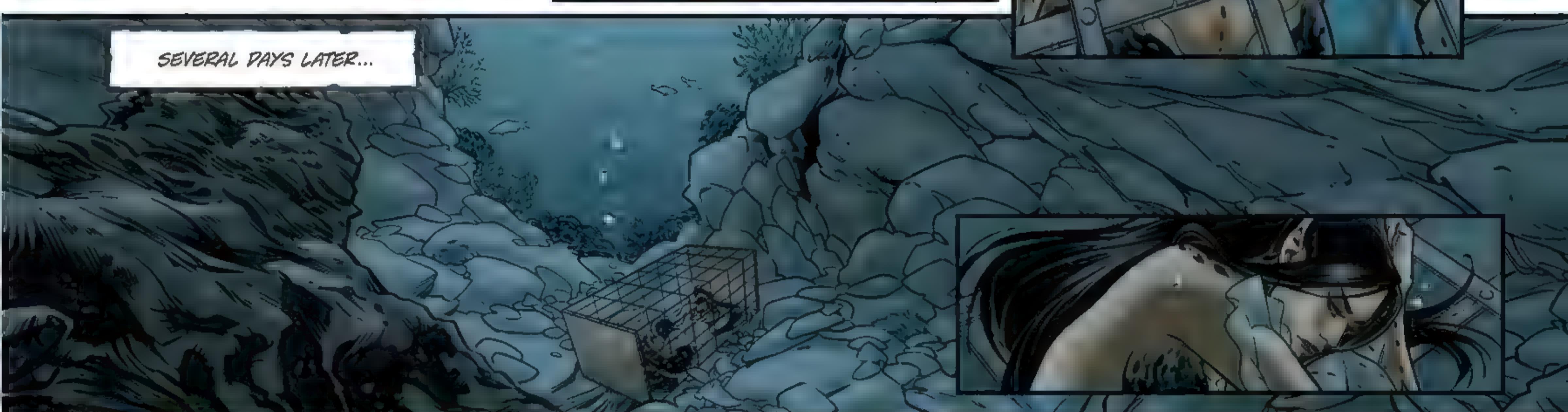
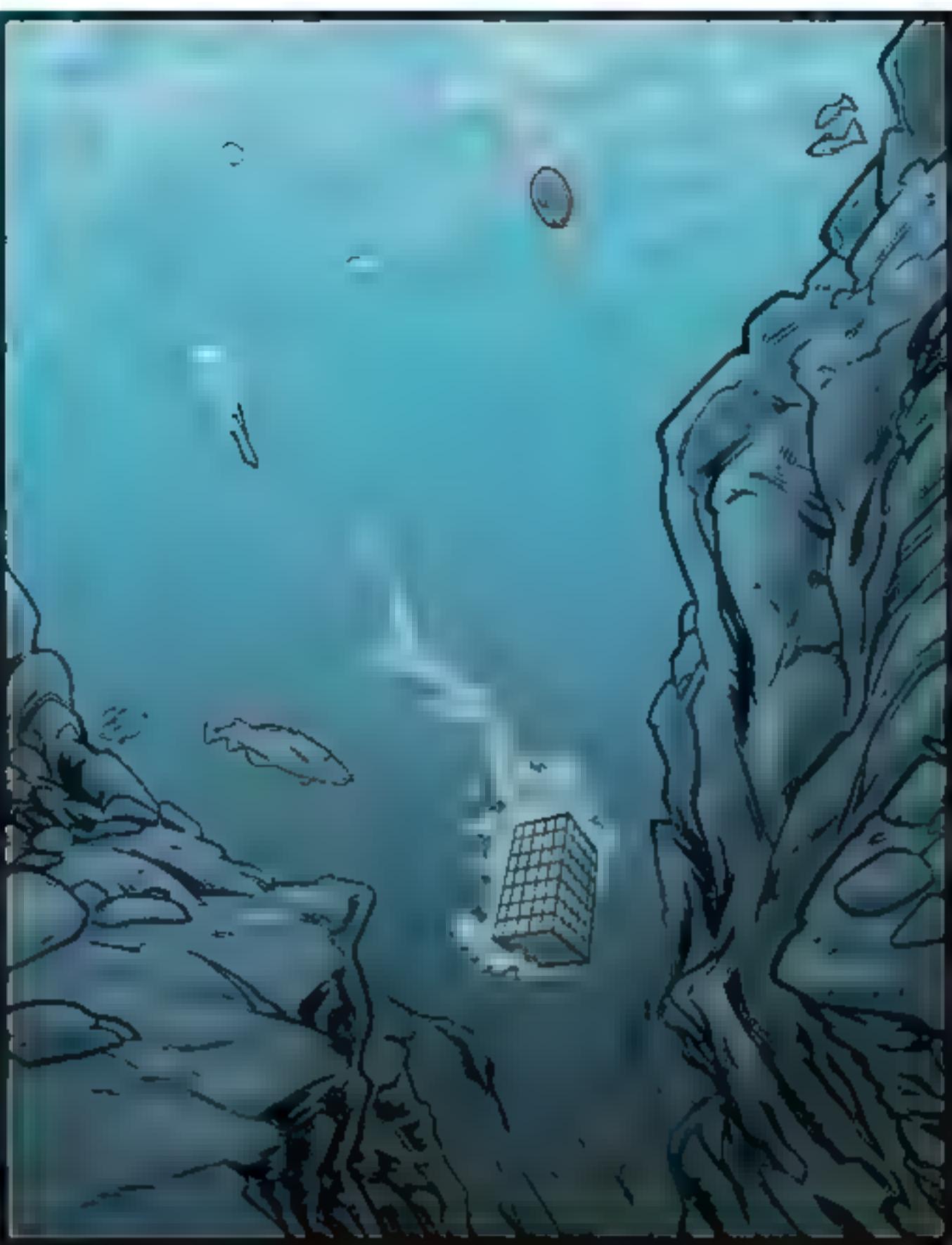
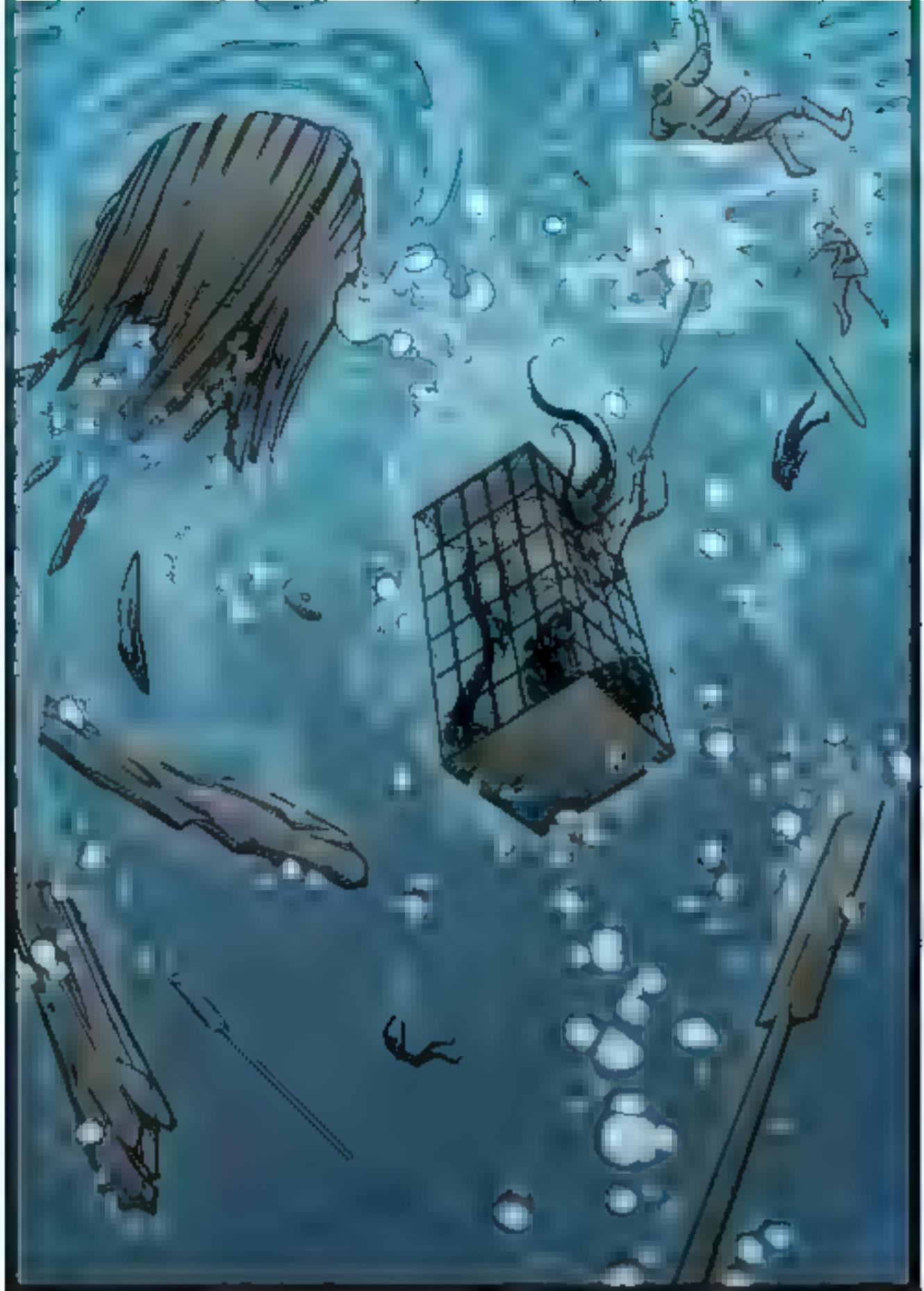
RHHAAAAAA!

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awGm

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MANY MONTHS LATER,
NOT FAR OFF THE
NORSE COAST...

BROMM

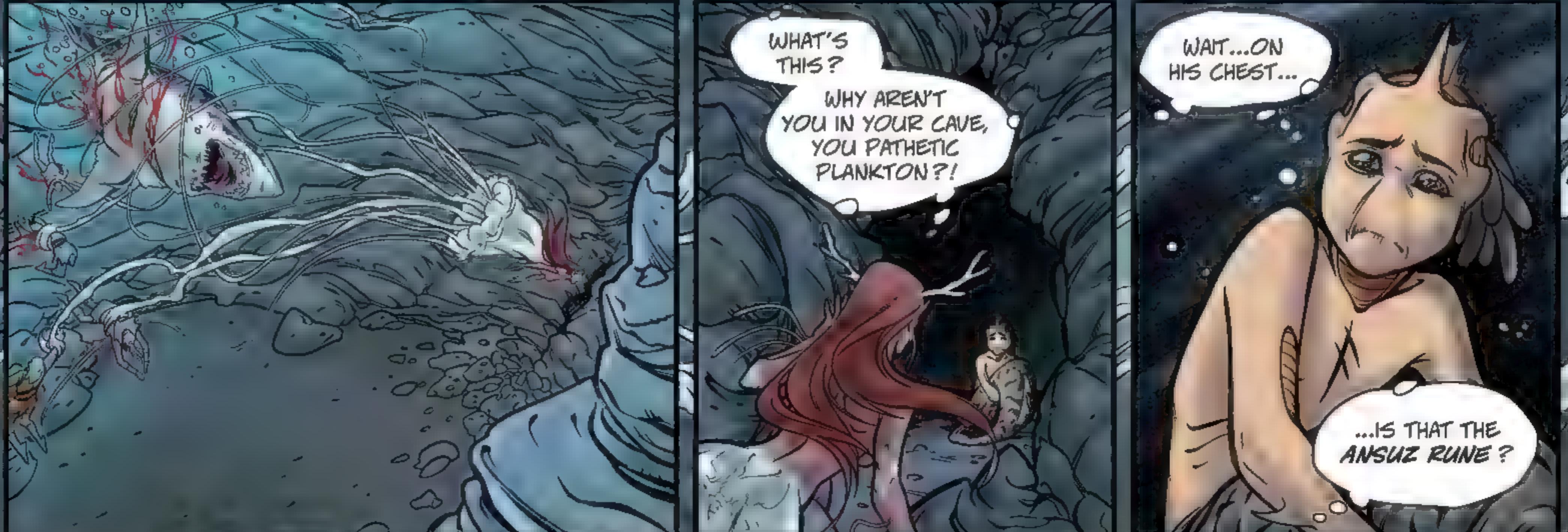
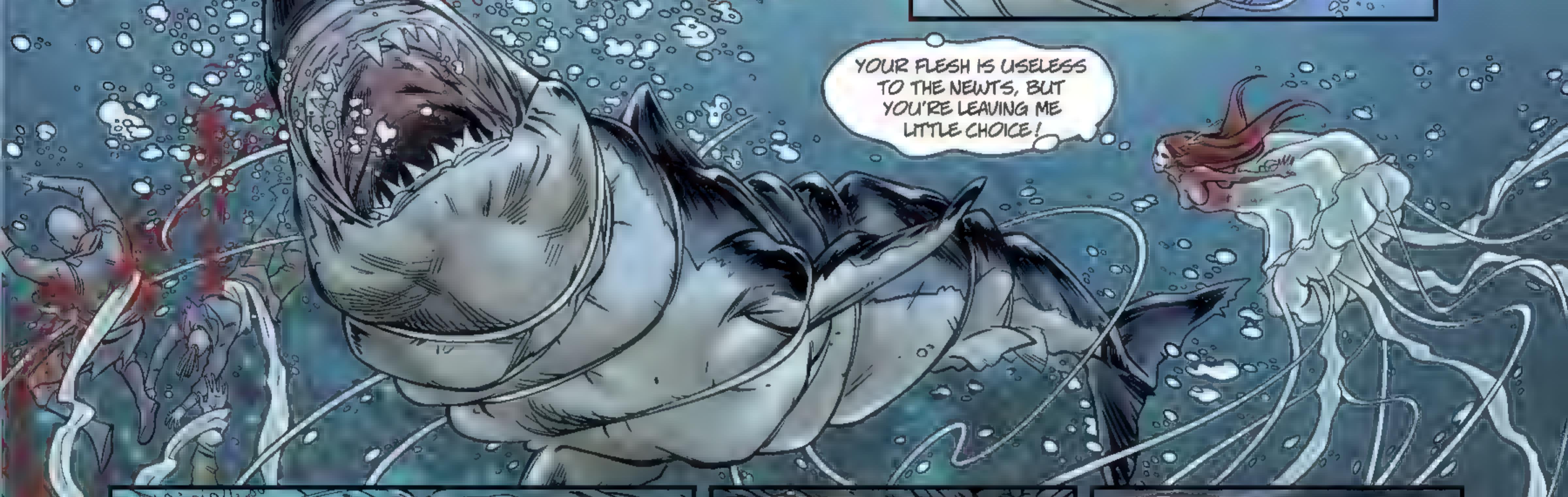
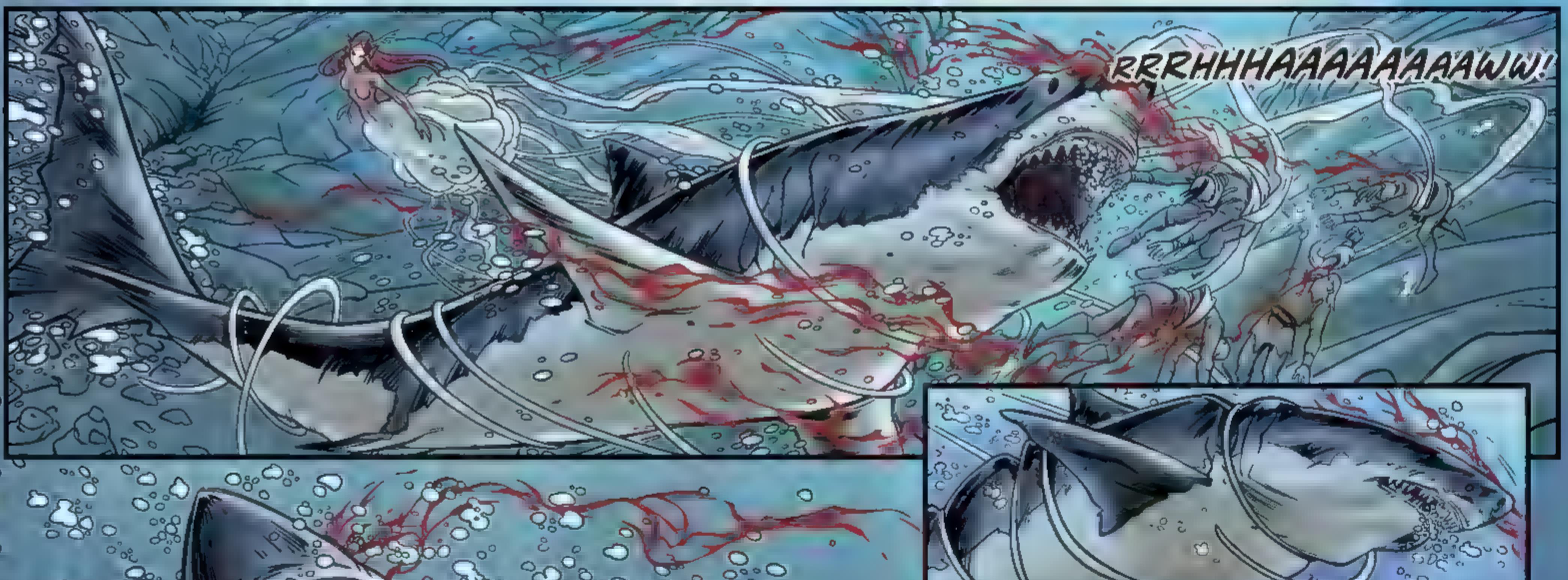
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STUPID, FEROCIOUS,
CREATURE...

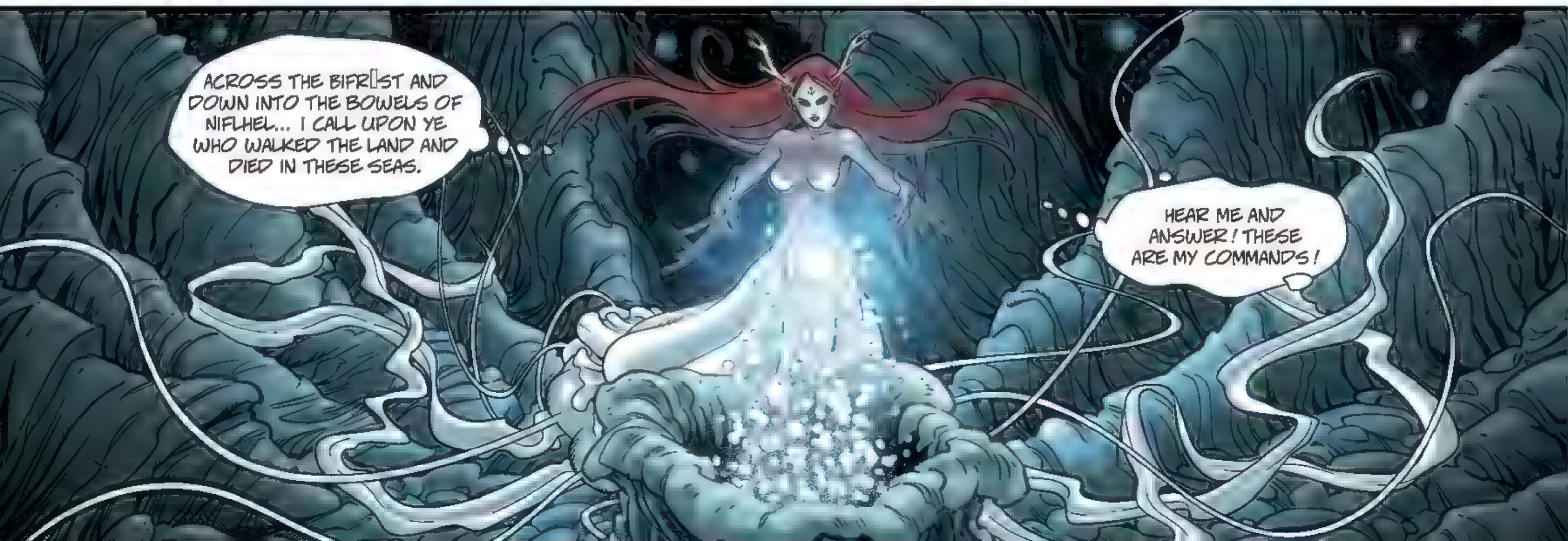
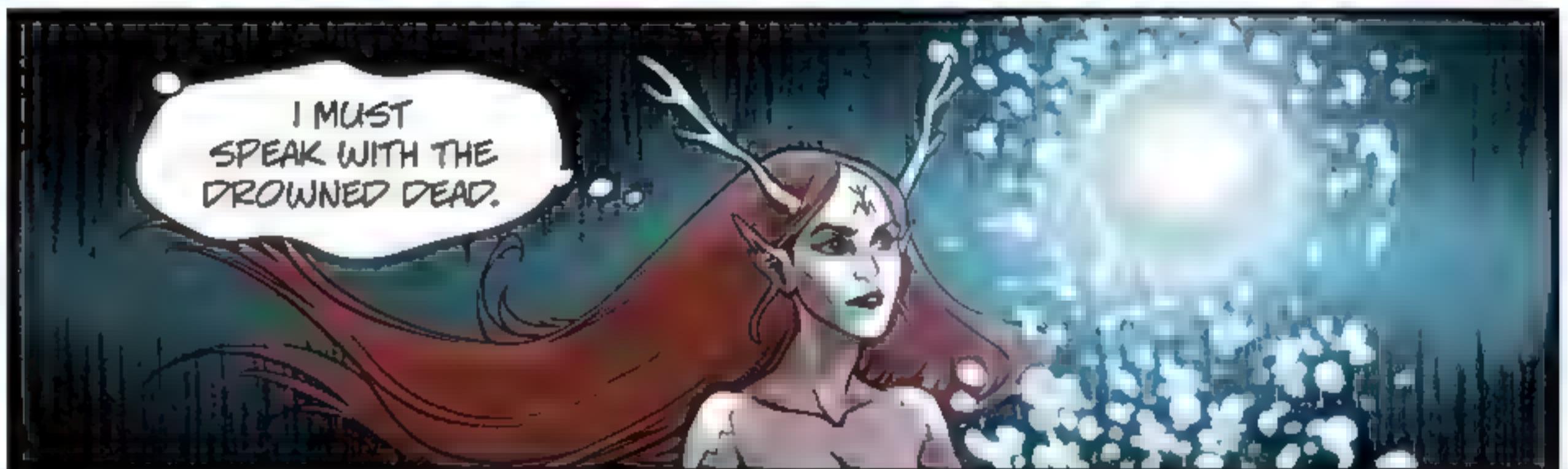
WHAT COULD HAVE
DRIVEN YOU INTO
SUCH A RAGE?

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RRRHHAAAAAAWW!

*GREAT WHITE SHARK.

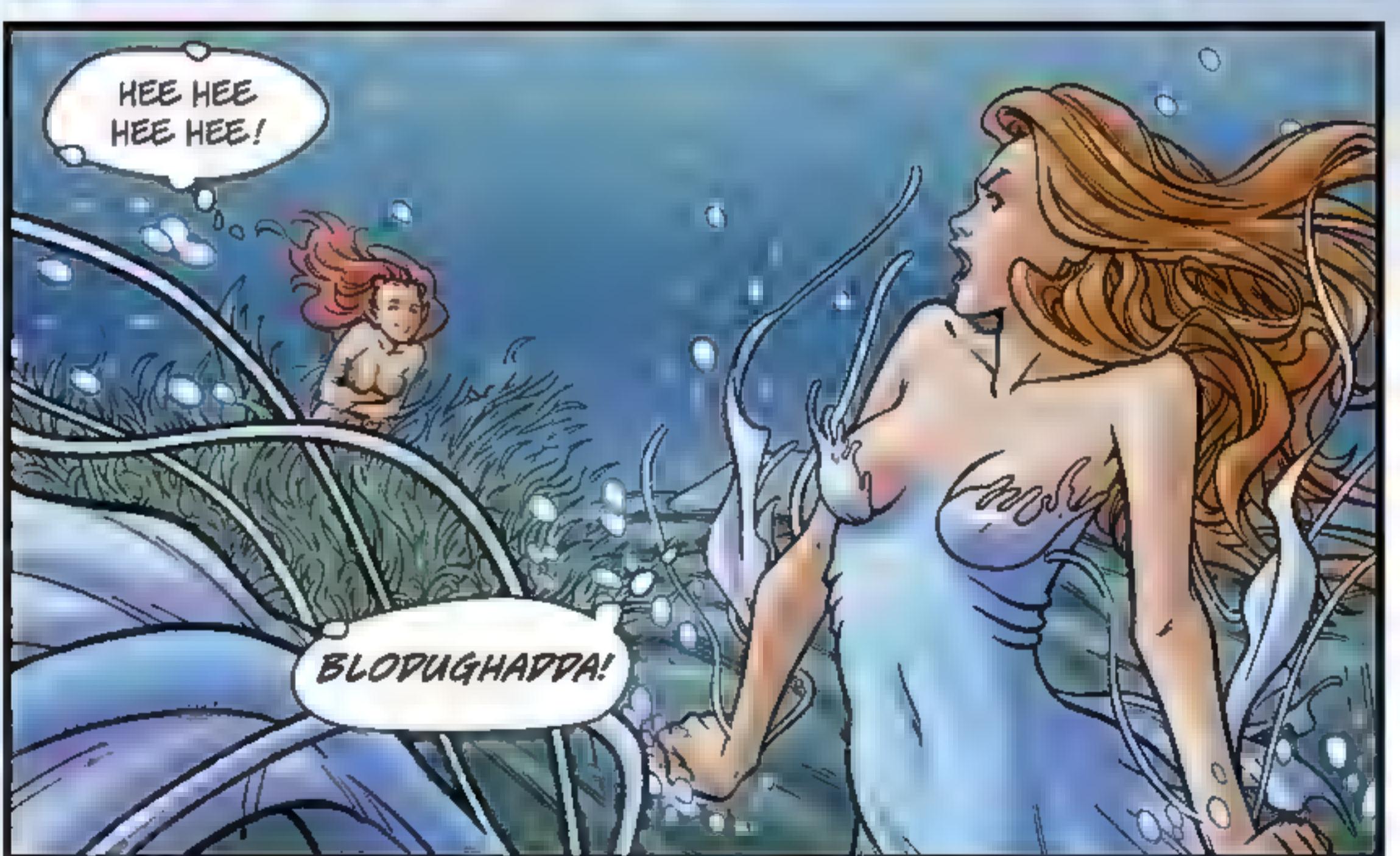
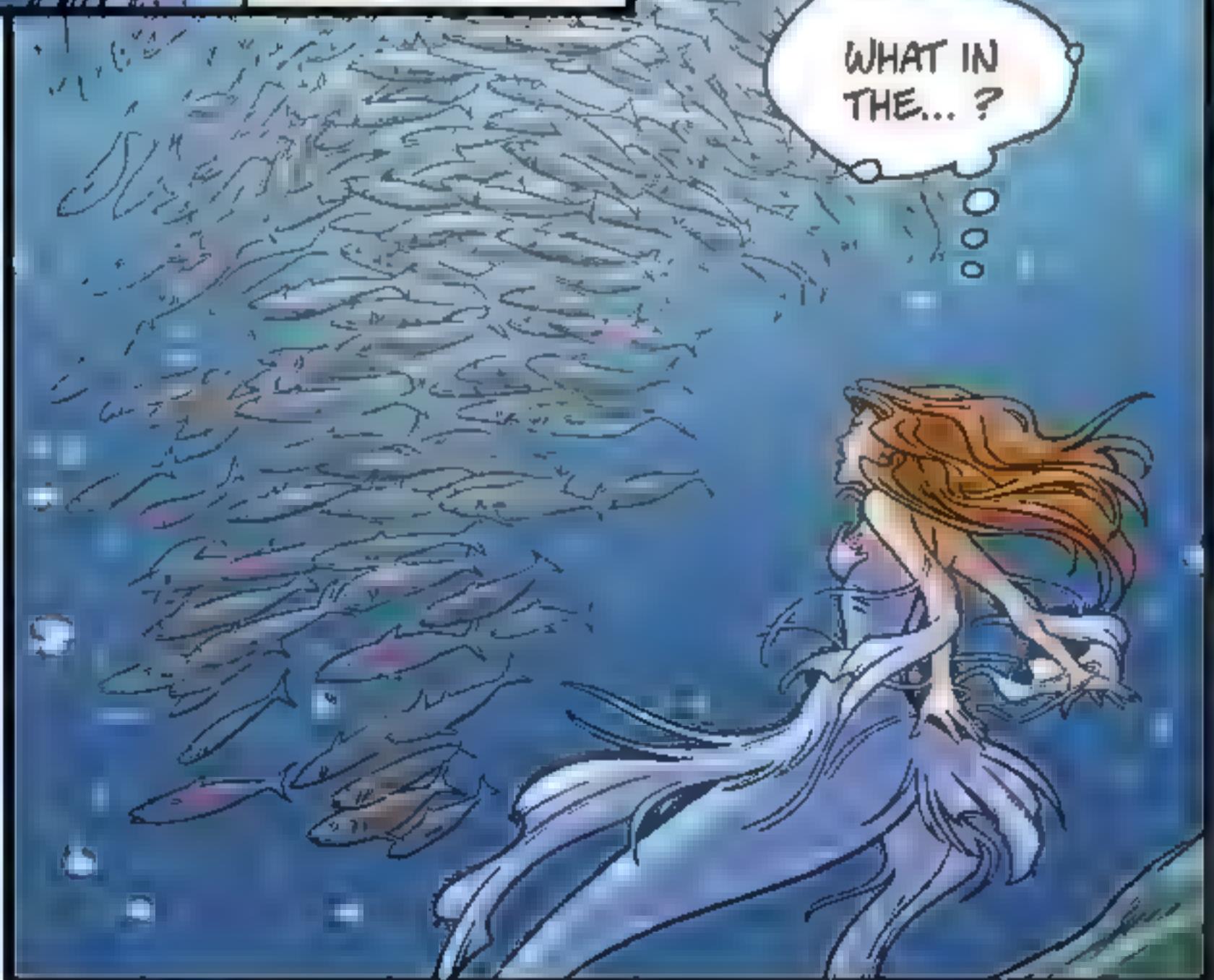
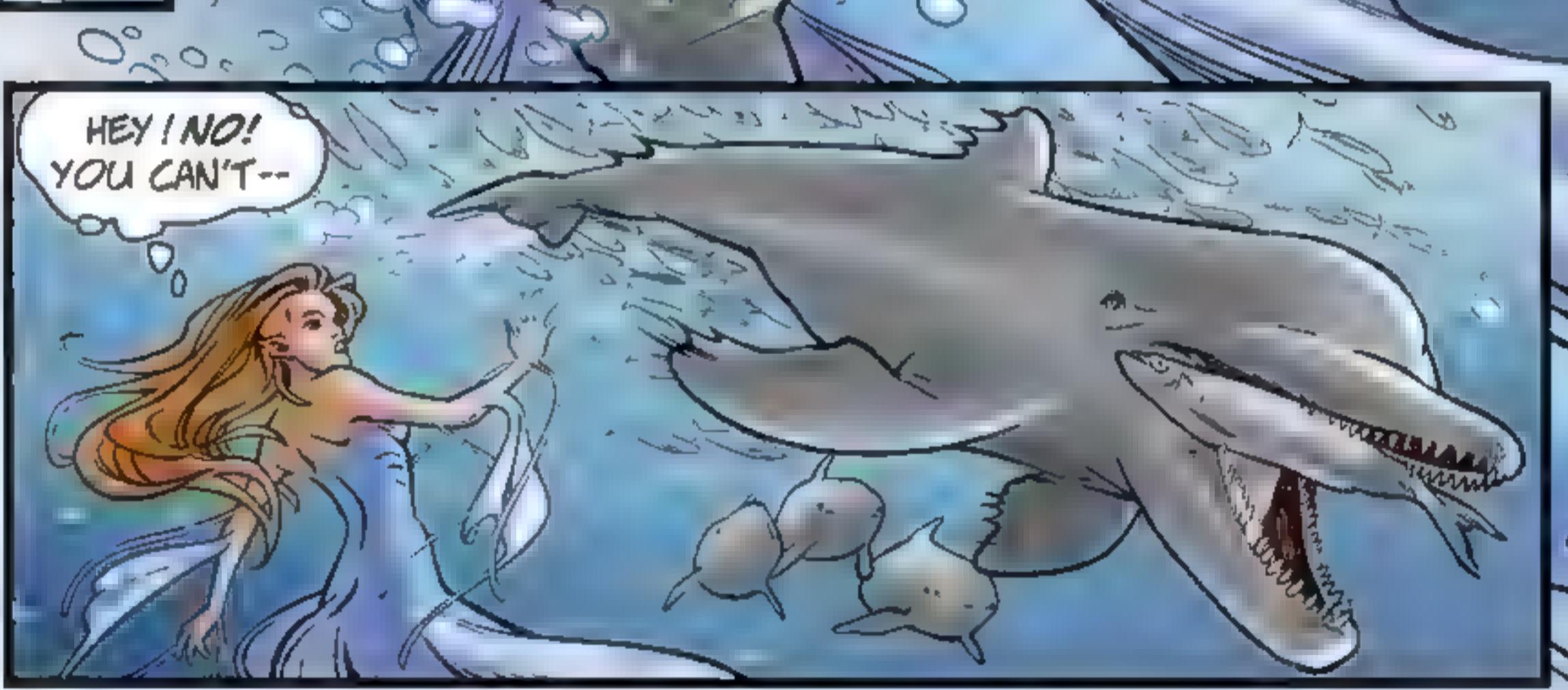
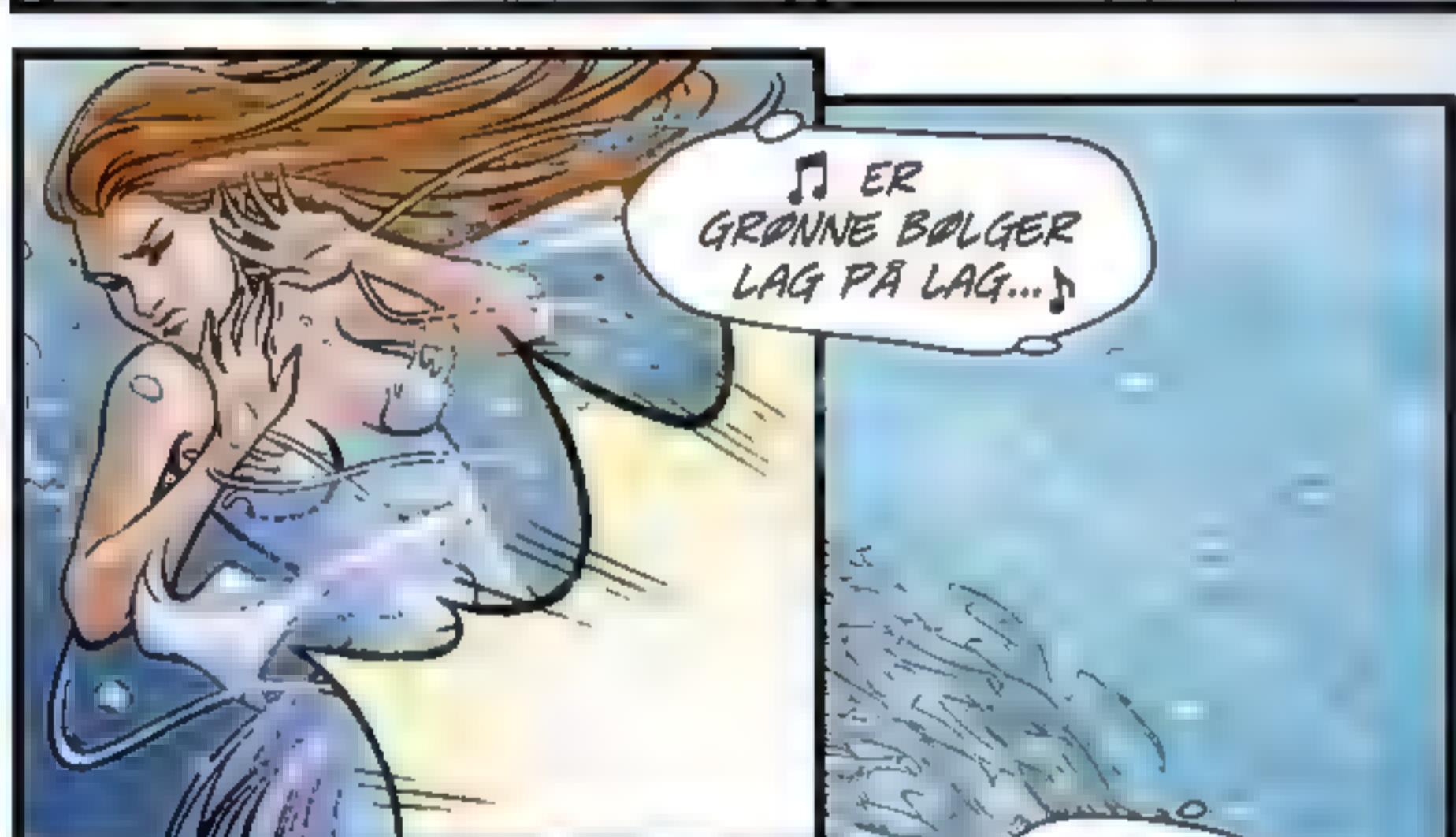
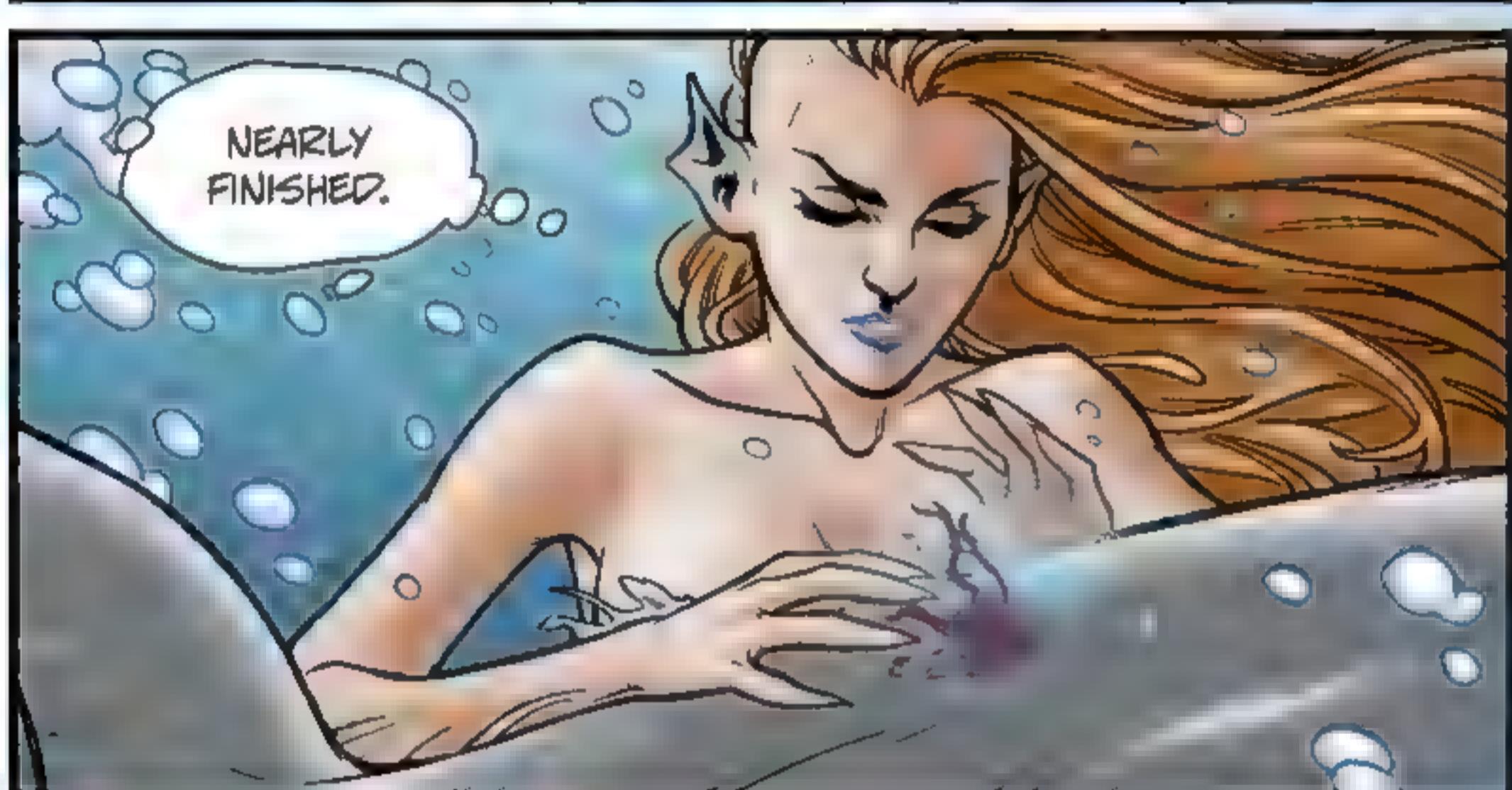
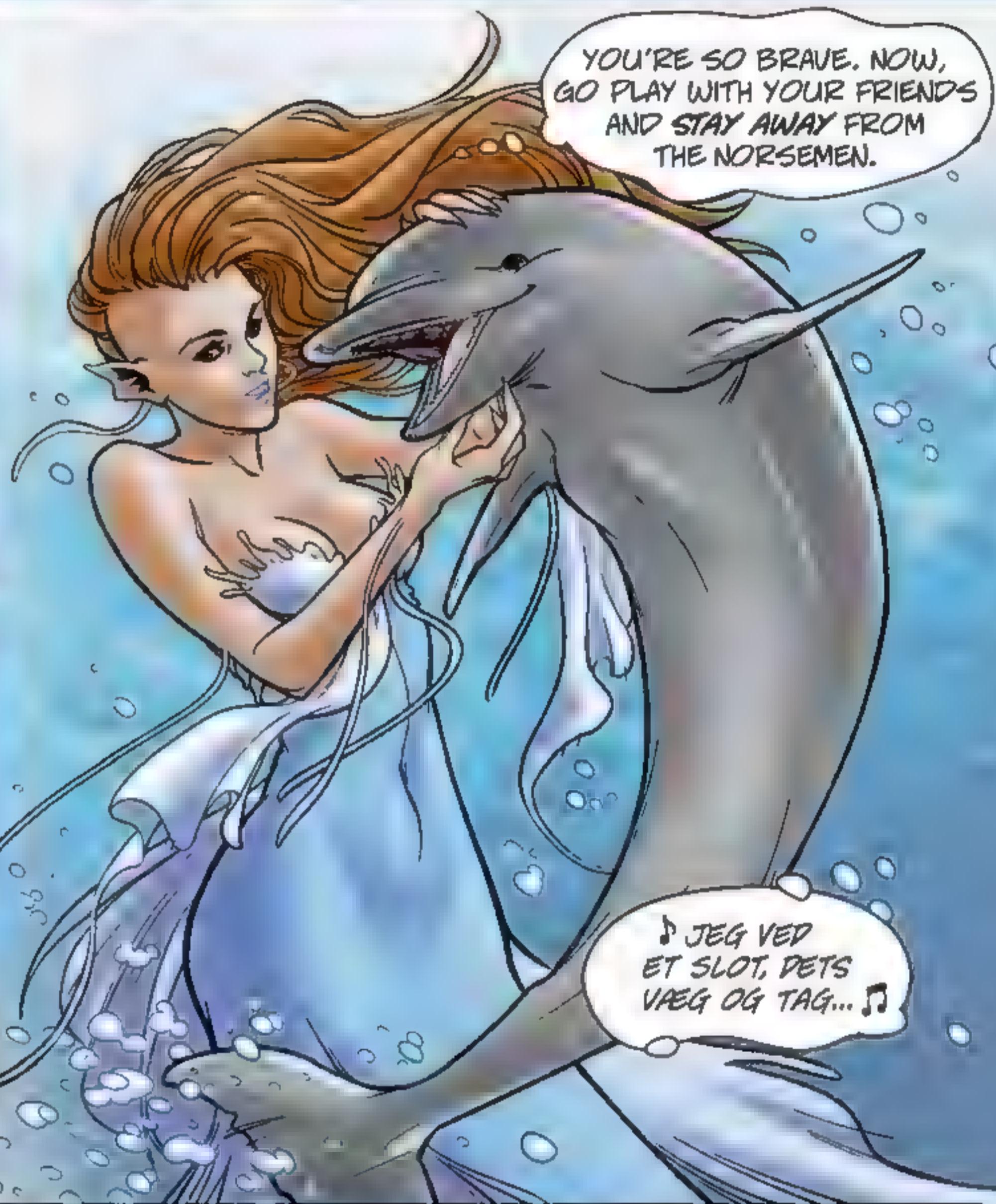
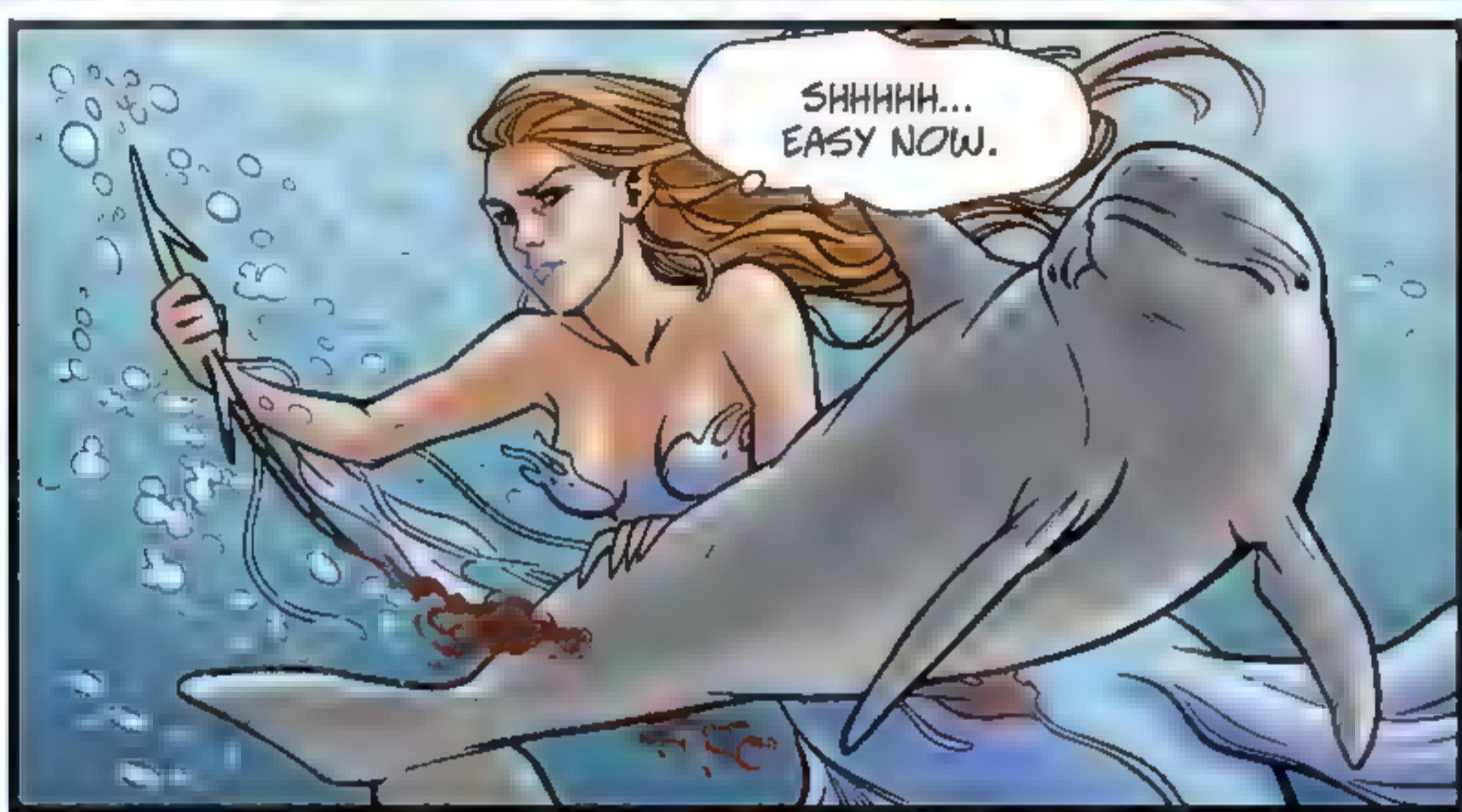
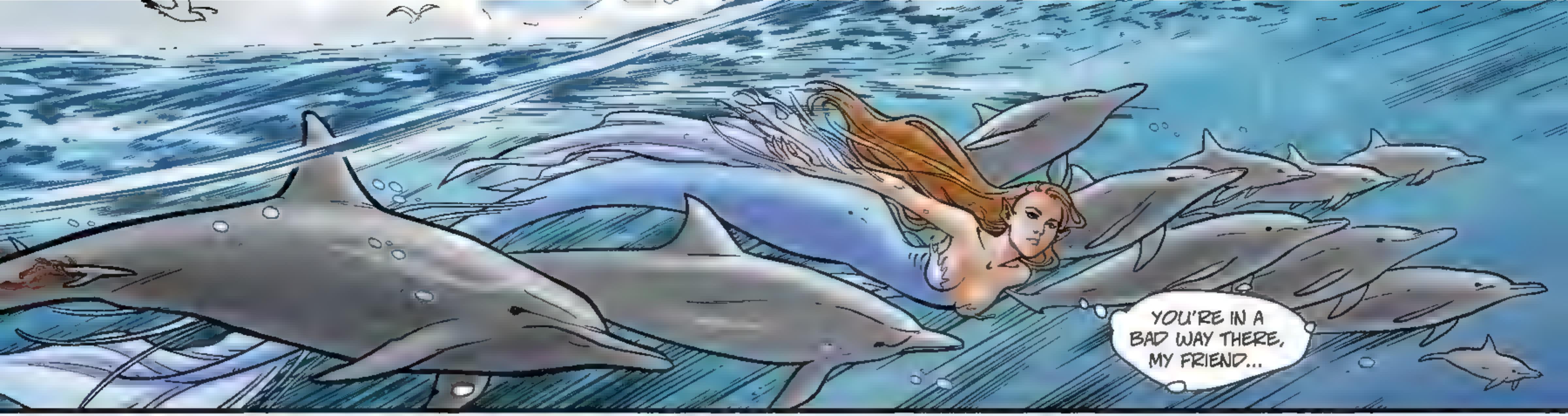




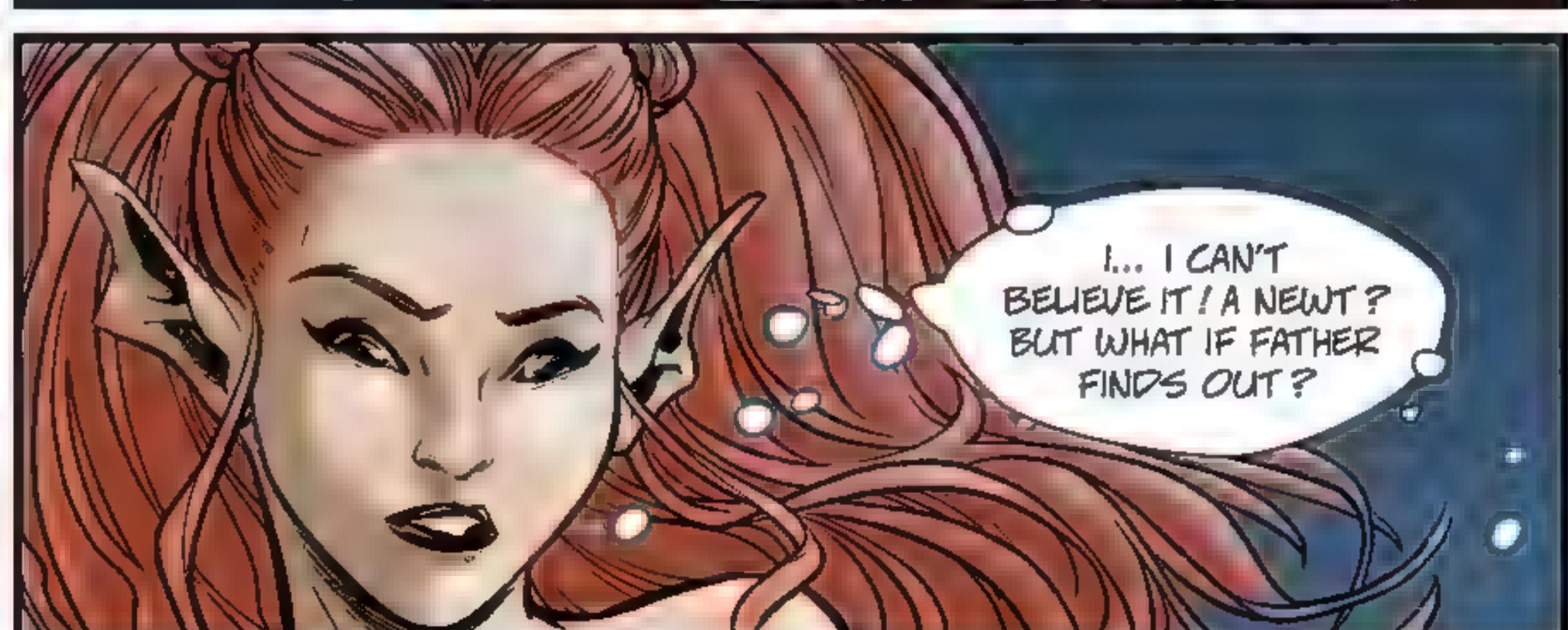
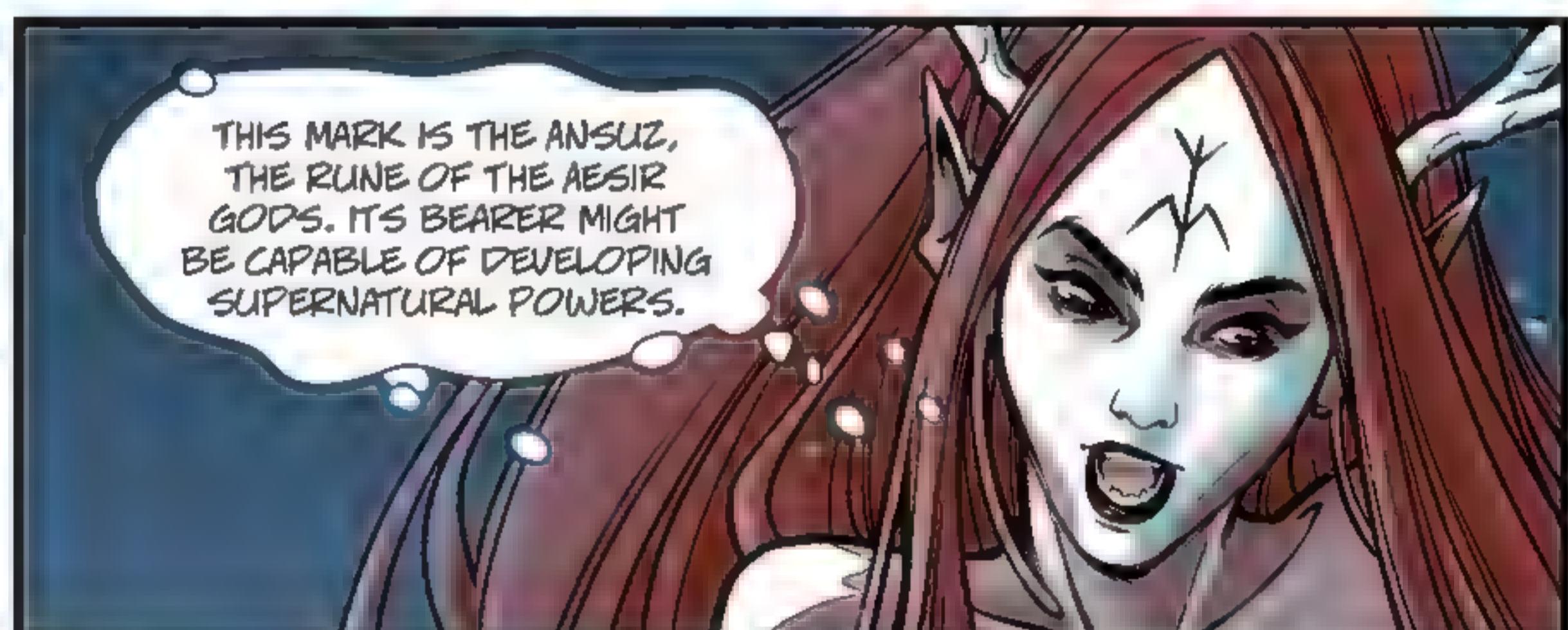
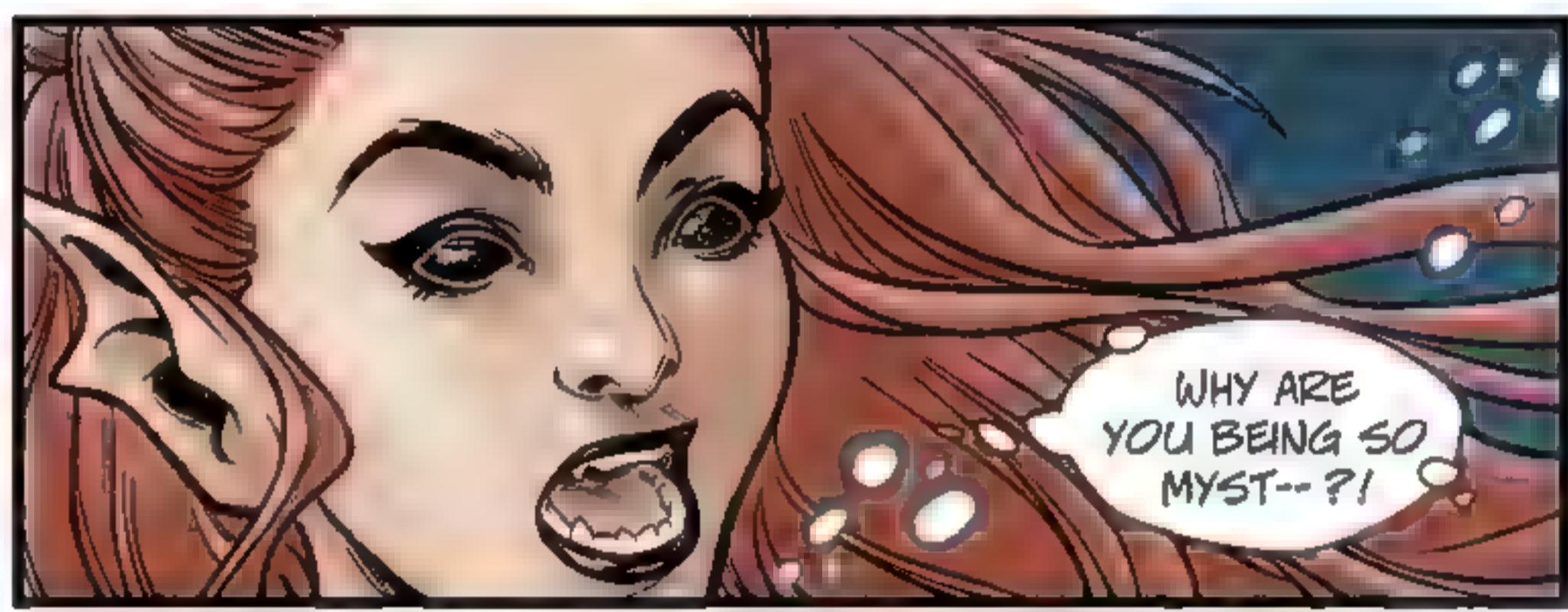
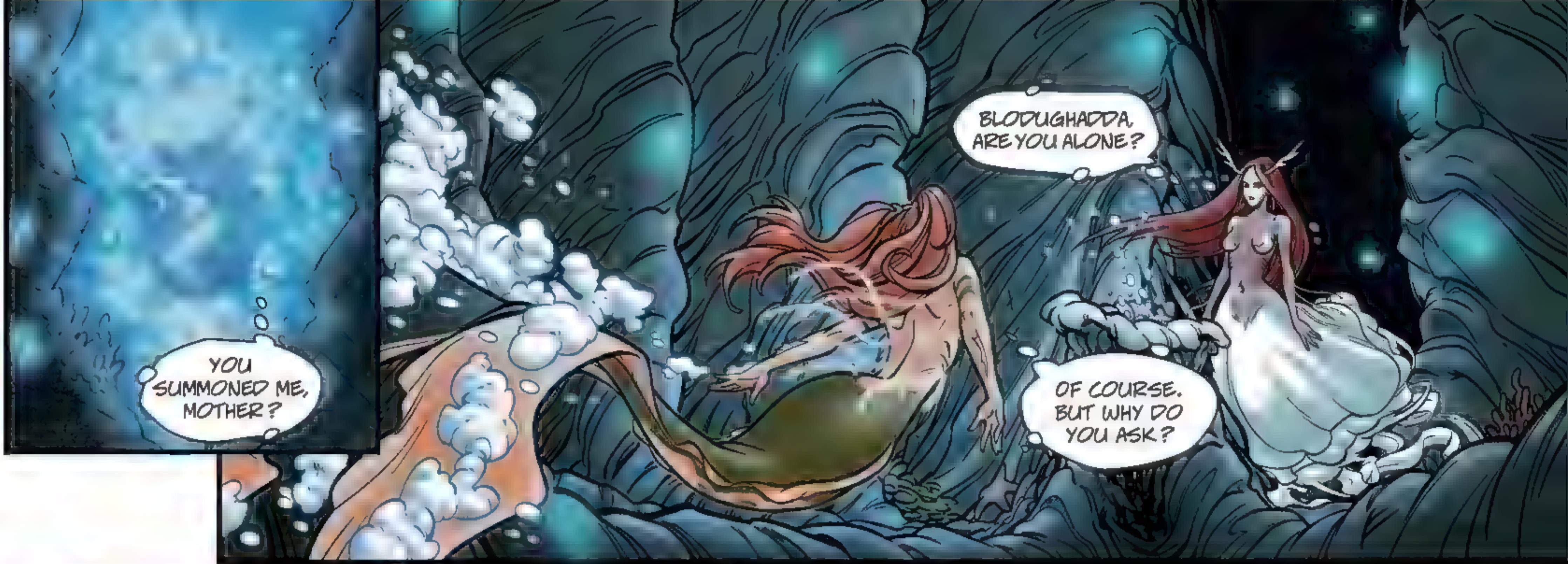


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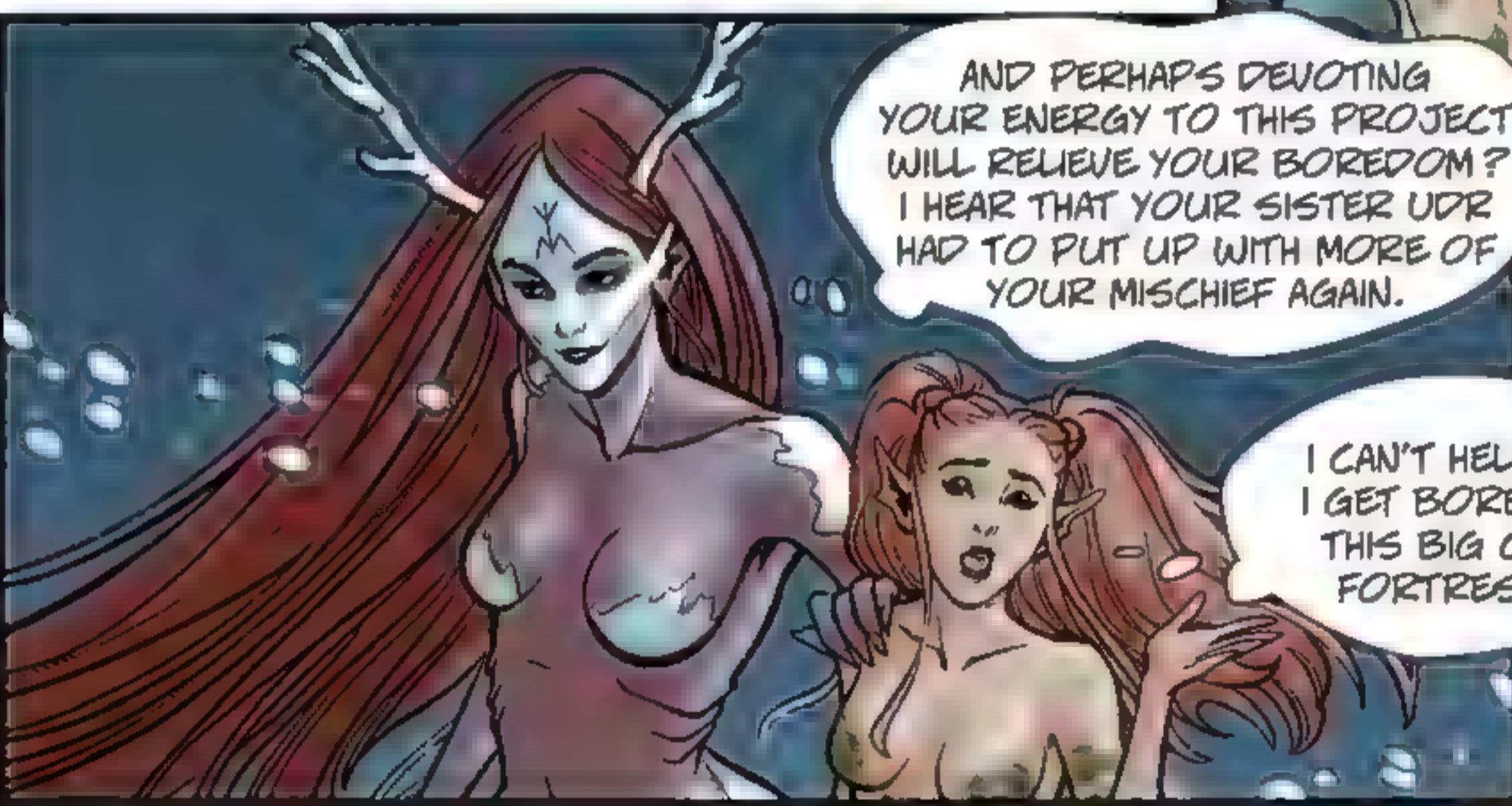
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE. I'D LIKE YOU TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, TO DISCOVER WHAT HE IS AND WHERE HE CAME FROM... WITHOUT AEGIR FINDING OUT.

... I DON'T KNOW IF I--

THE BONDS BETWEEN US ARE STRONG. APART FROM OUR BLOOD, WE ALSO SHARE THE ART OF MAGIC.

THAT IS WHY YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE OF YOUR SISTERS WHOM I CAN TRUST ENTIRELY WITH SUCH A TASK.

THINK HOW YOU CAN BENEFIT FROM THIS OMEN. YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM AND HELP HIS GIFT TO EMERGE.



AND PERHAPS DEVOTING YOUR ENERGY TO THIS PROJECT WILL RELIEVE YOUR BOREDOM? I HEAR THAT YOUR SISTER UDR HAD TO PUT UP WITH MORE OF YOUR MISCHIEF AGAIN.

I CAN'T HELP IT. I GET BORED IN THIS BIG OLD FORTRESS!

I KNOW. SO YOU SHOULD JUMP AT THIS CHANCE.

BECAUSE, UP UNTIL NOW, ONLY TWO BEINGS HAVE EVER CARRIED THIS MARK...

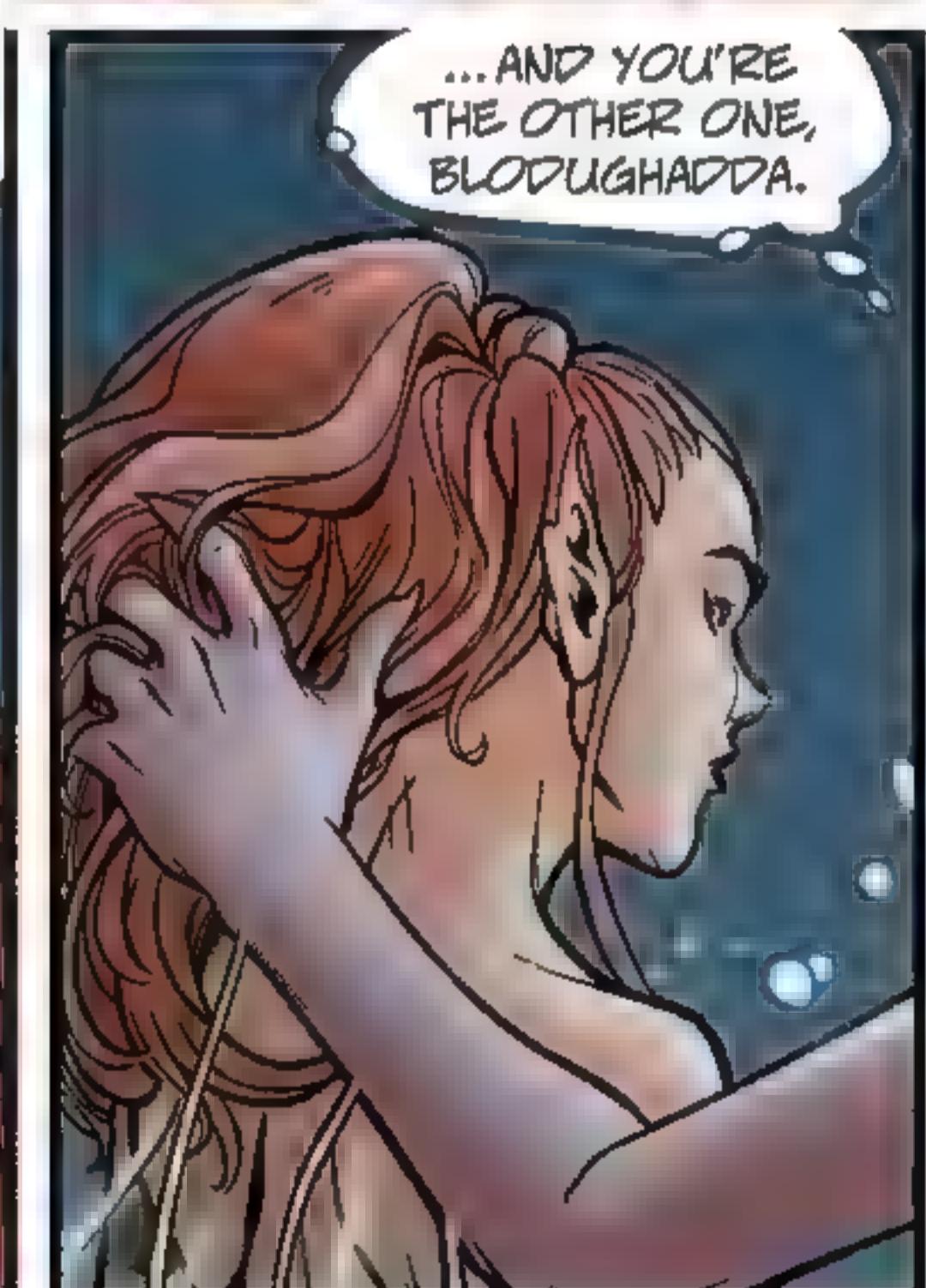
...AND YOU'RE THE OTHER ONE, BLODUGHADDA.



NEUTS HAVE A MUCH SHORTER LIFESPAN THAN WE DO, AND THEY AGE A LOT QUICKER. IN A FEW WEEKS' TIME, HE SHOULD REACH PUBERTY, AND HIS POWERS SHOULD MANIFEST.

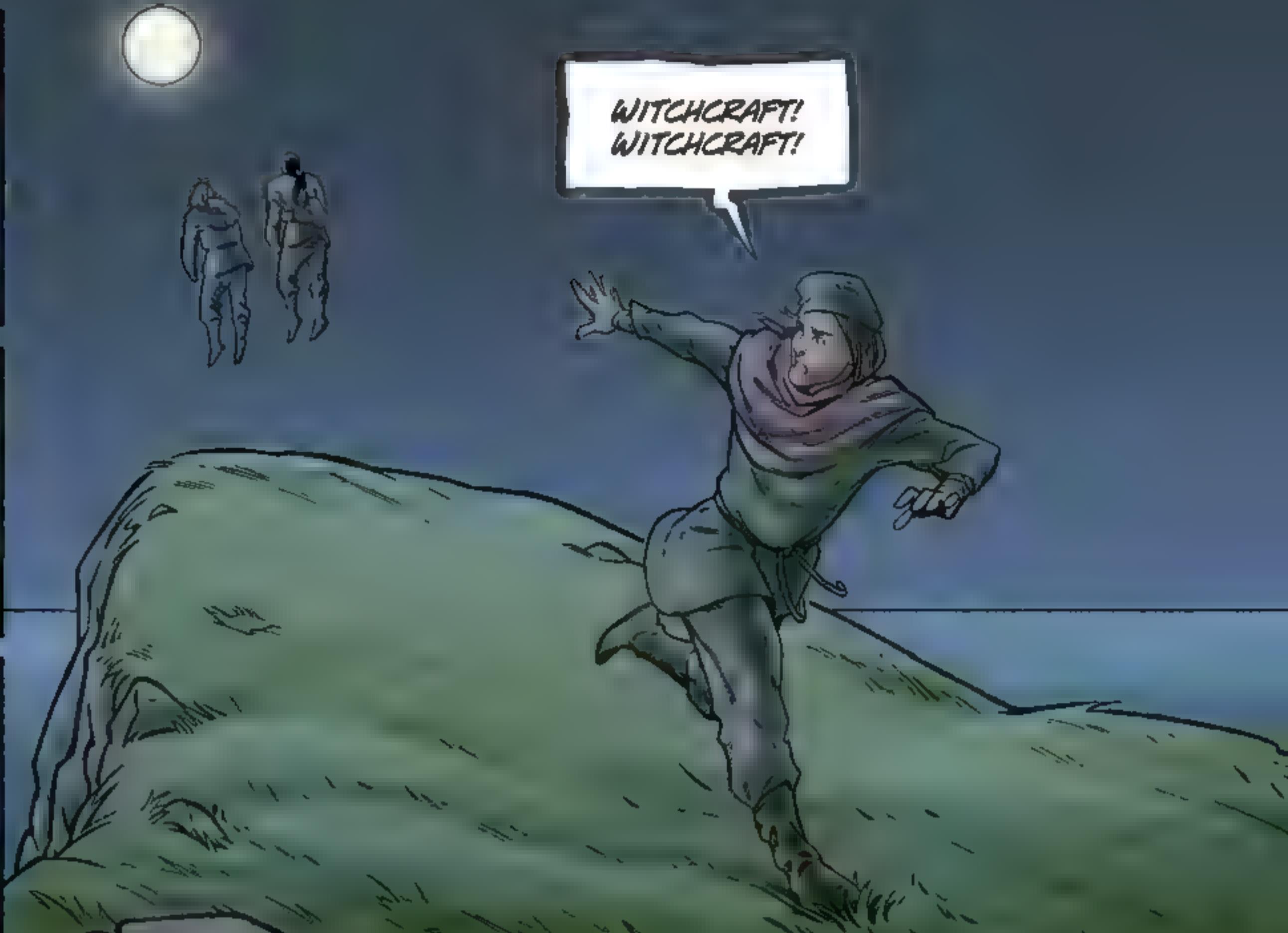
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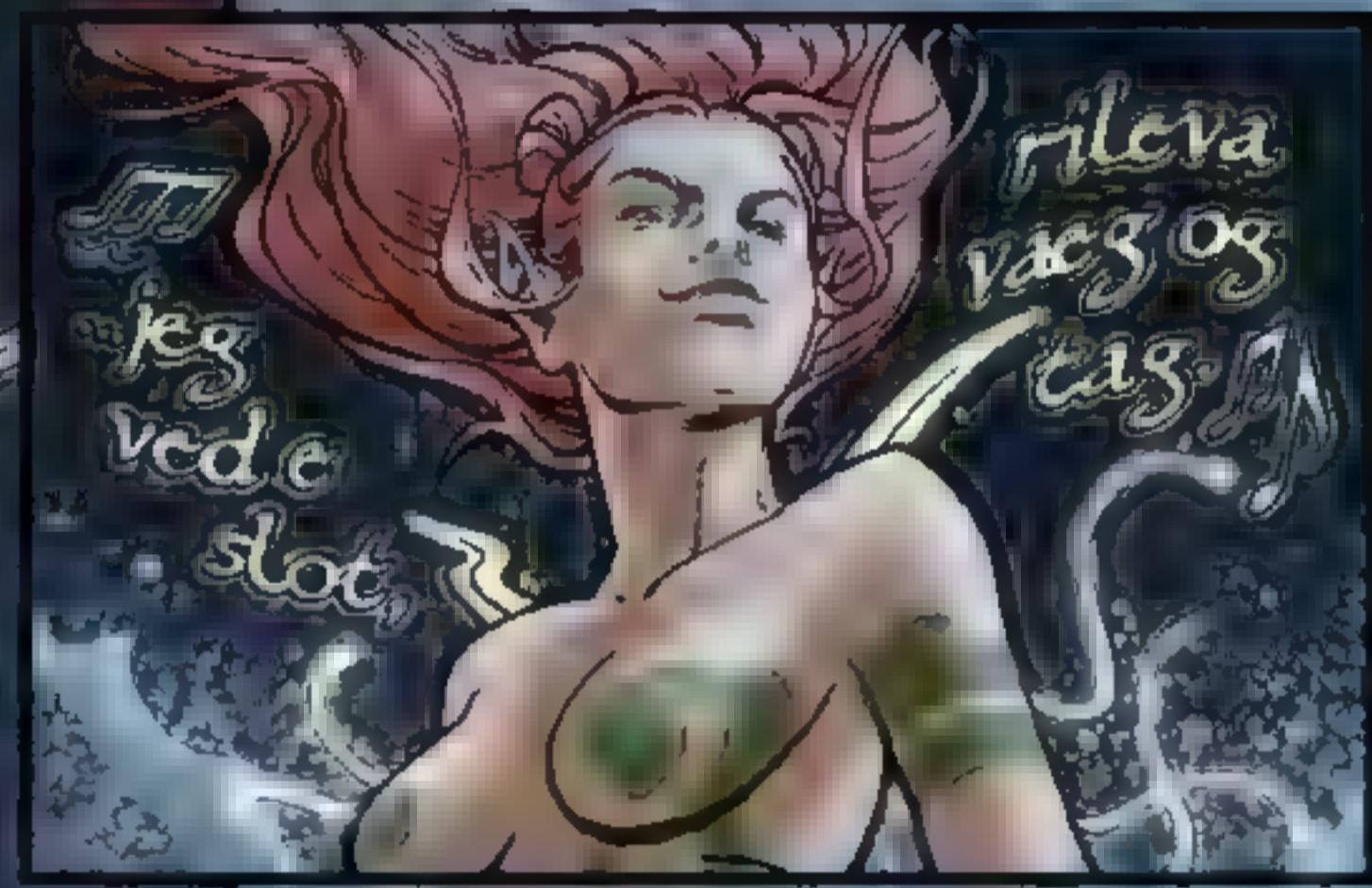
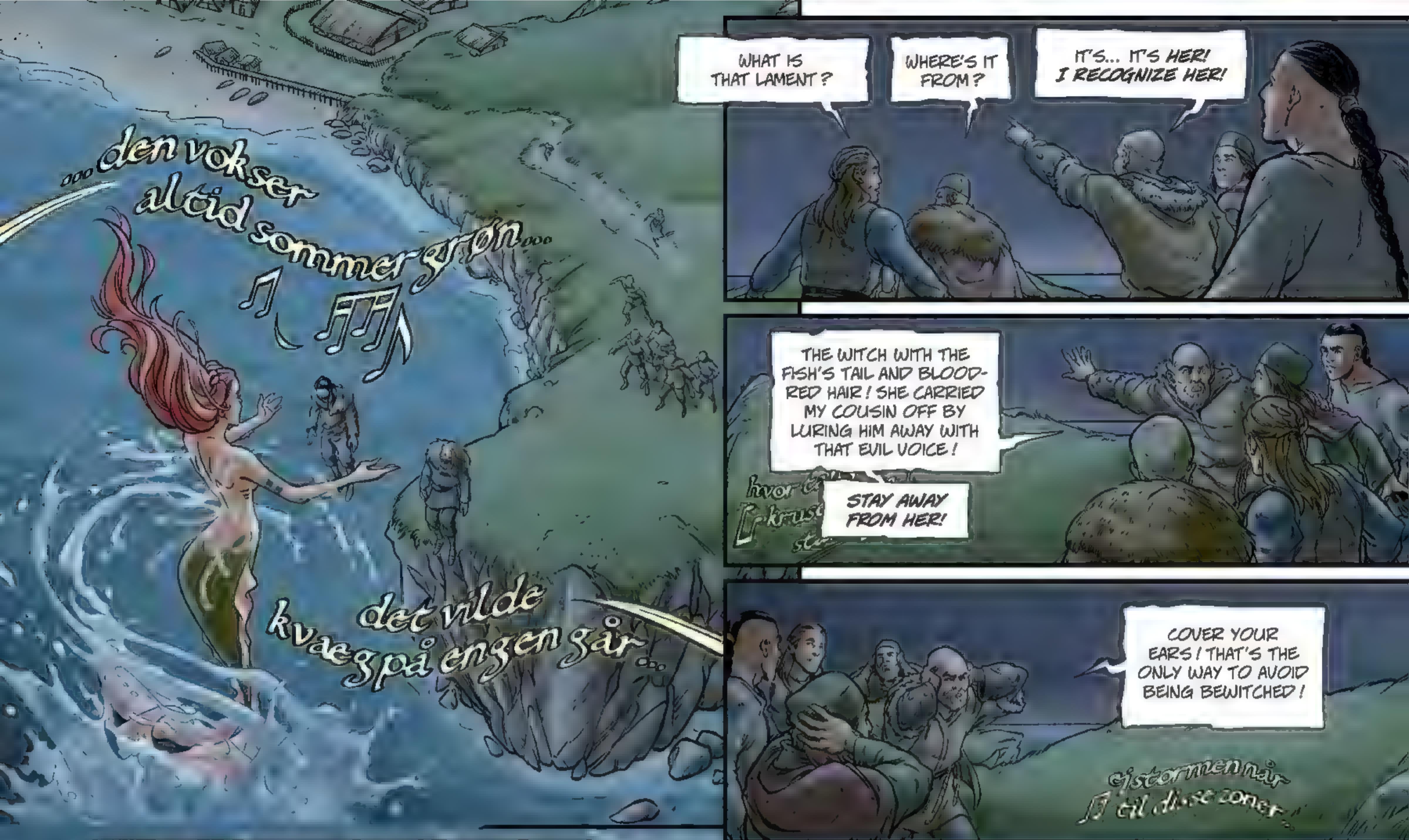
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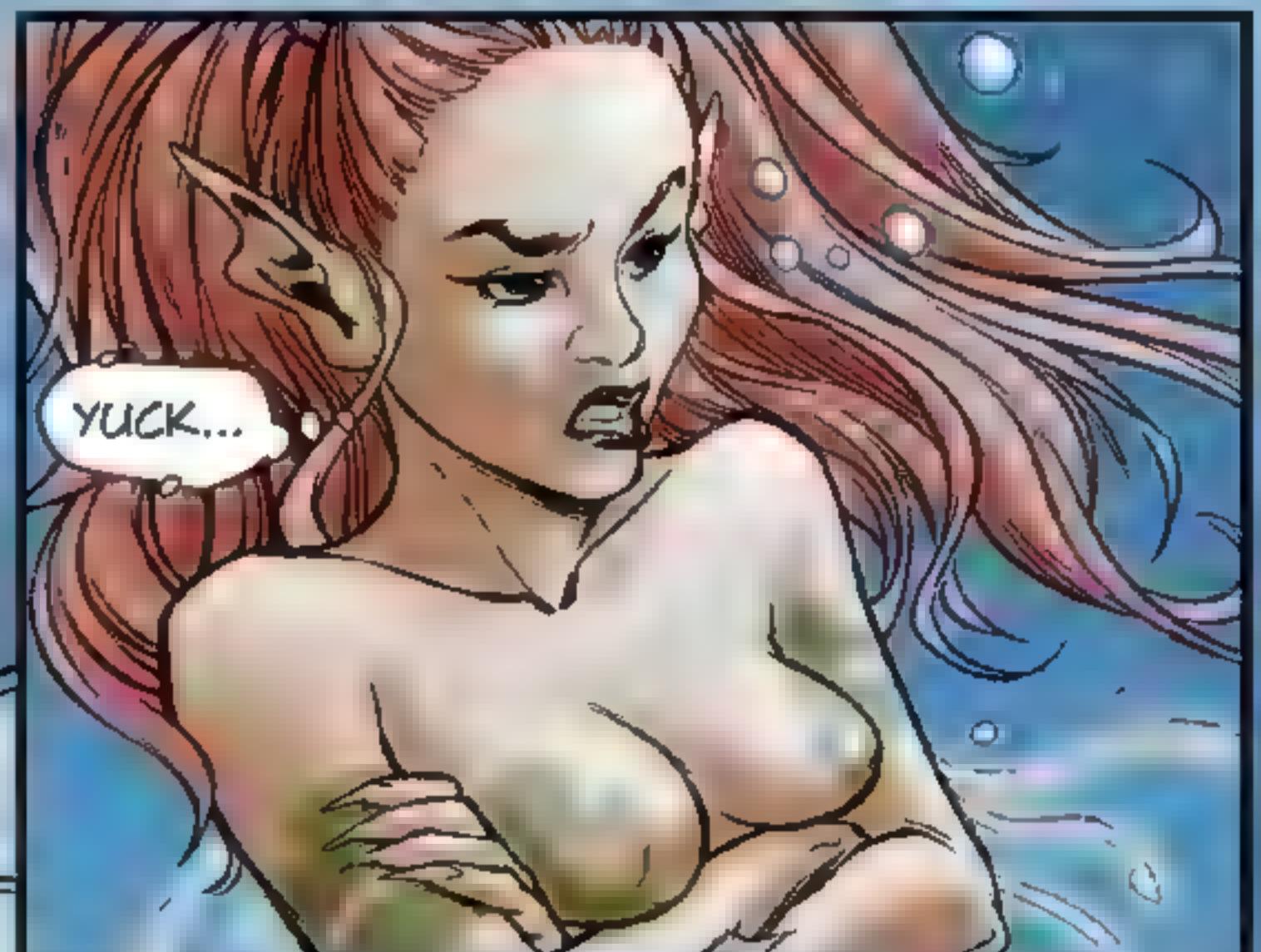
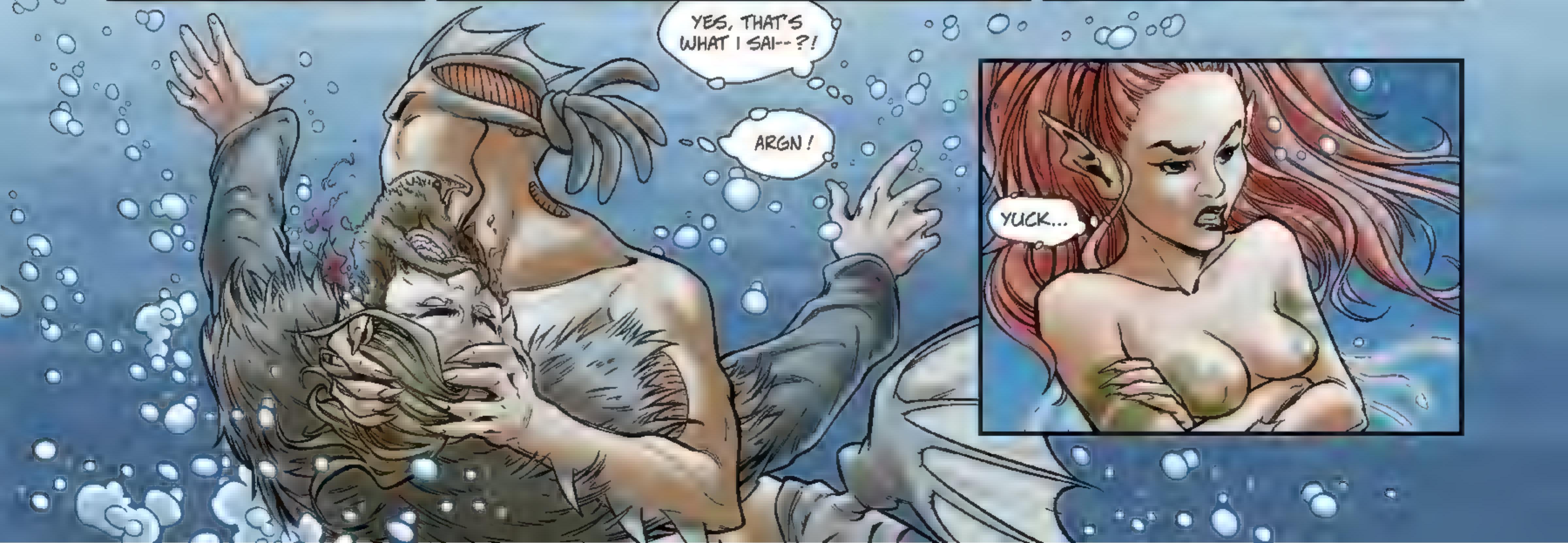
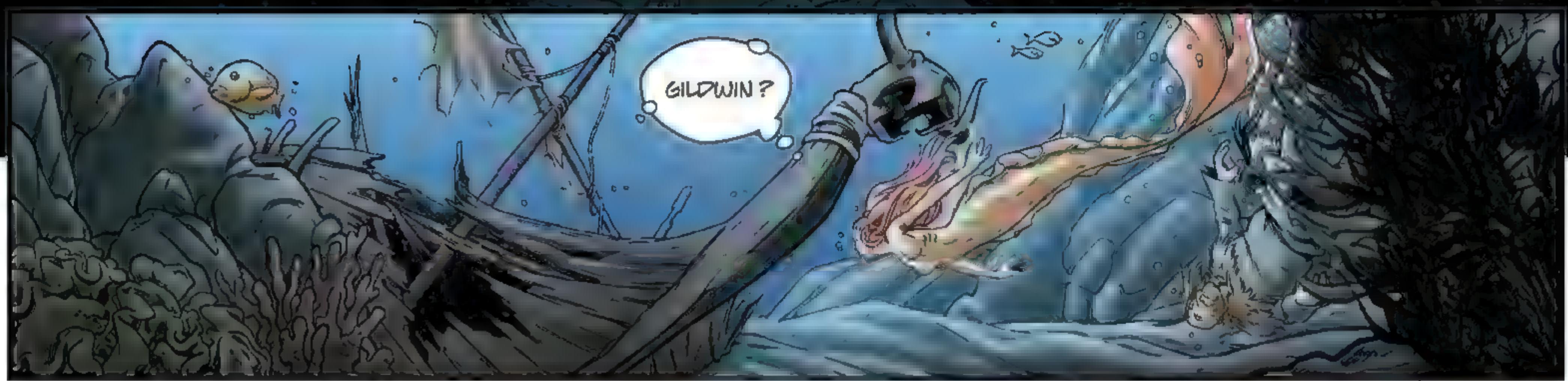
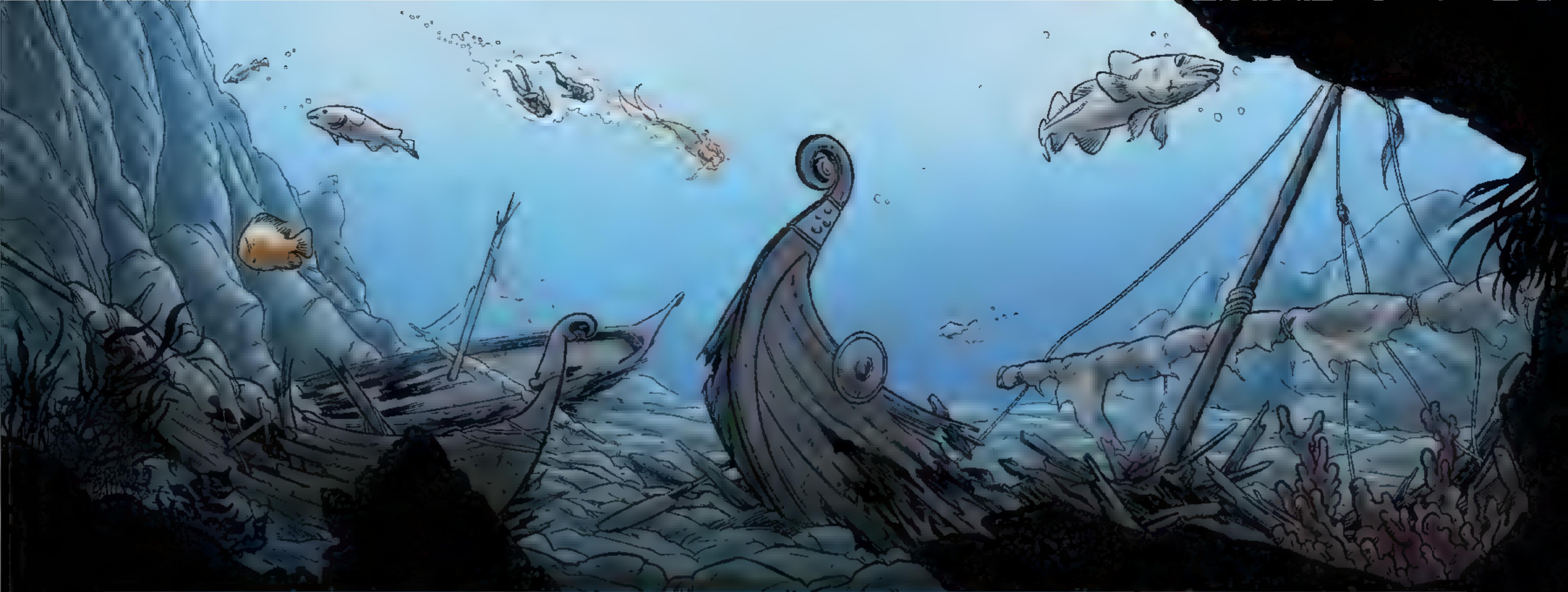


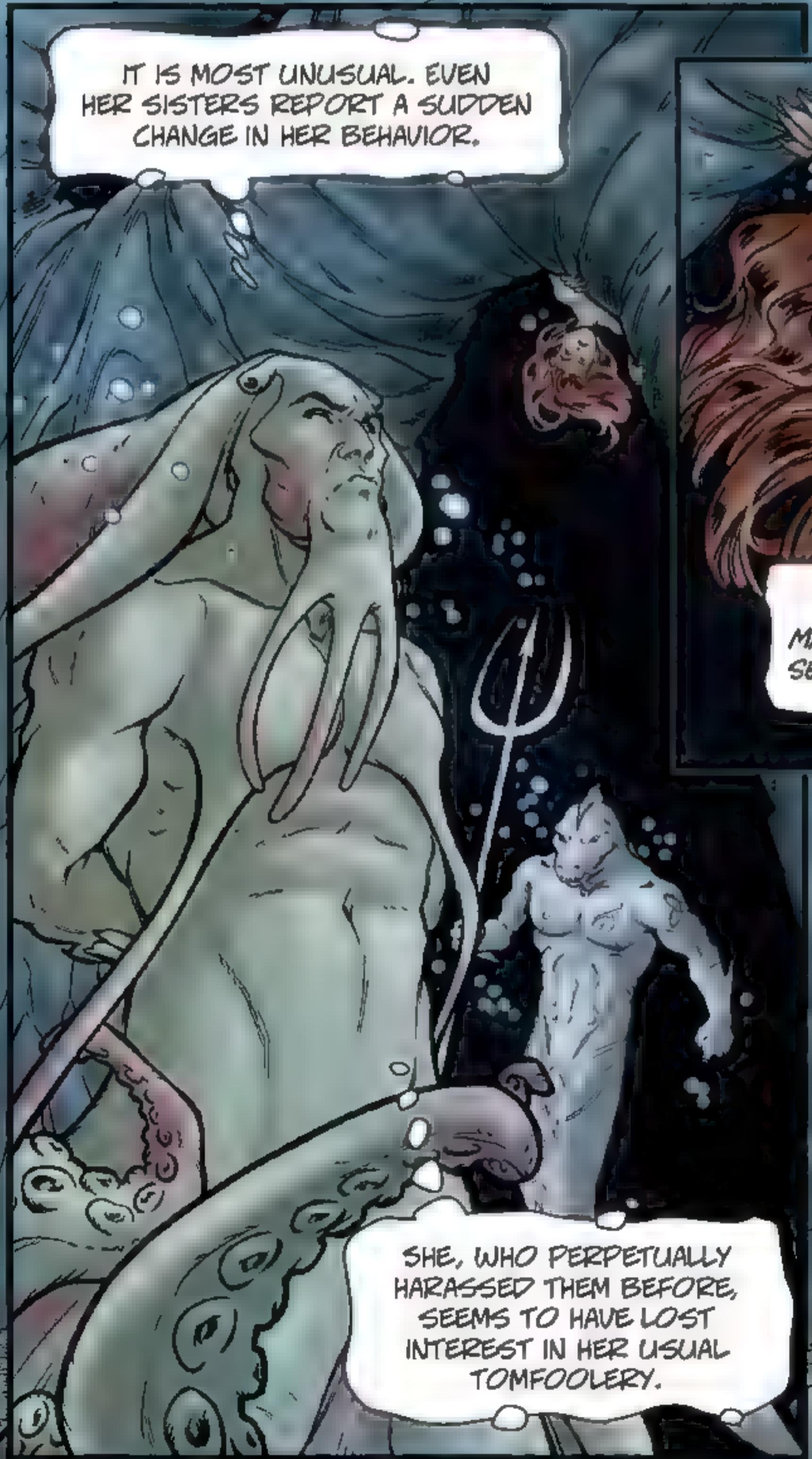
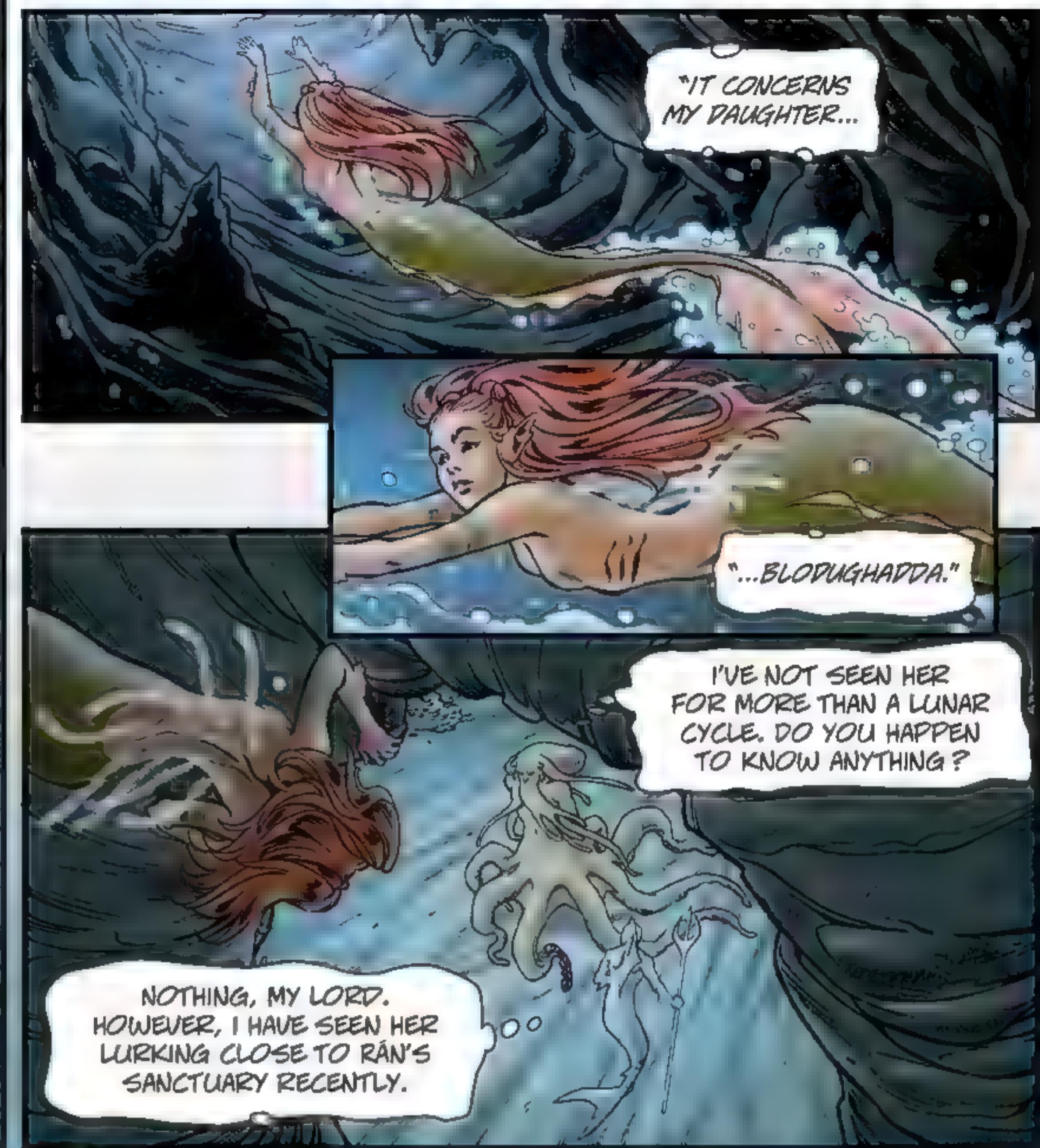
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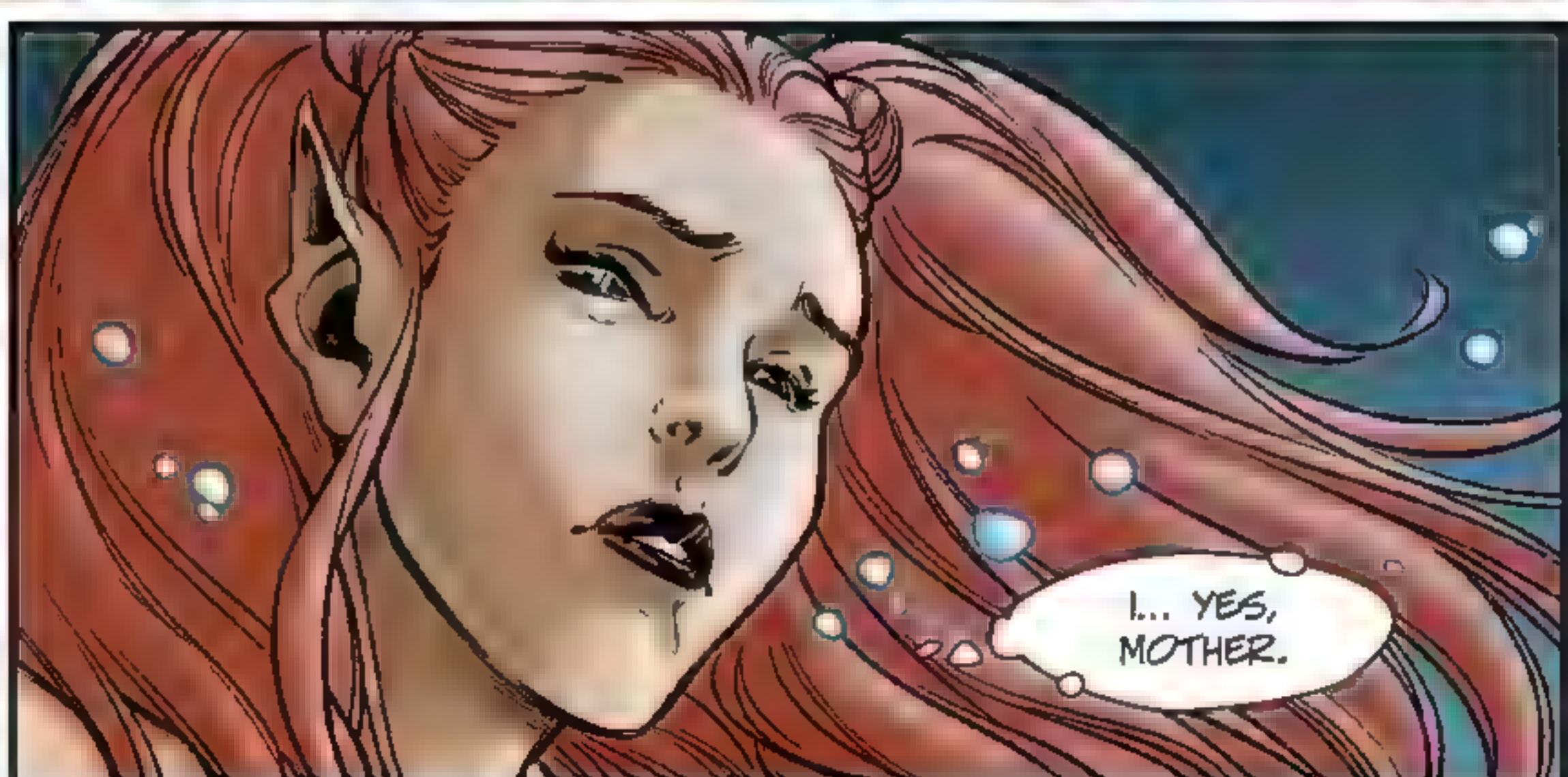
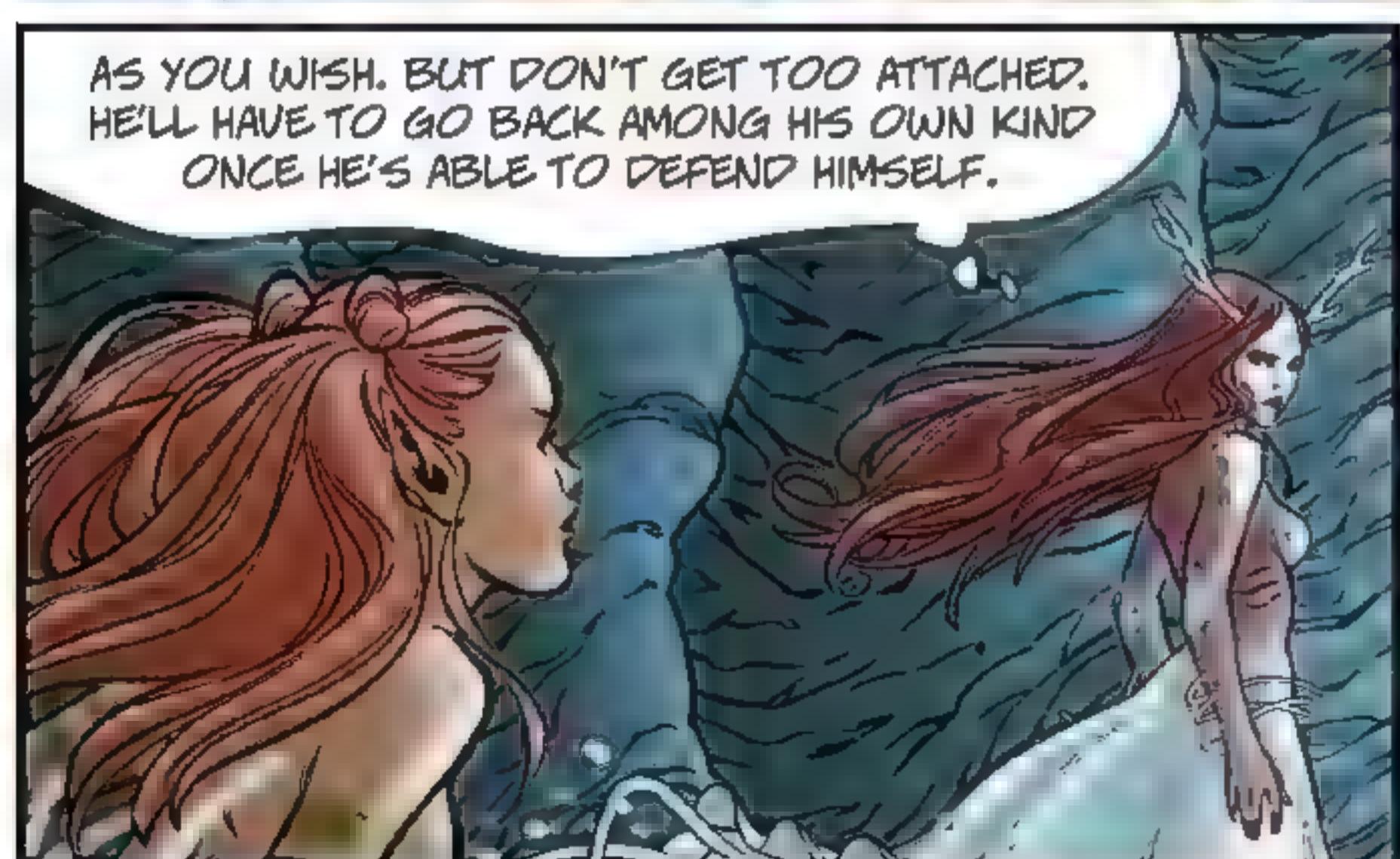
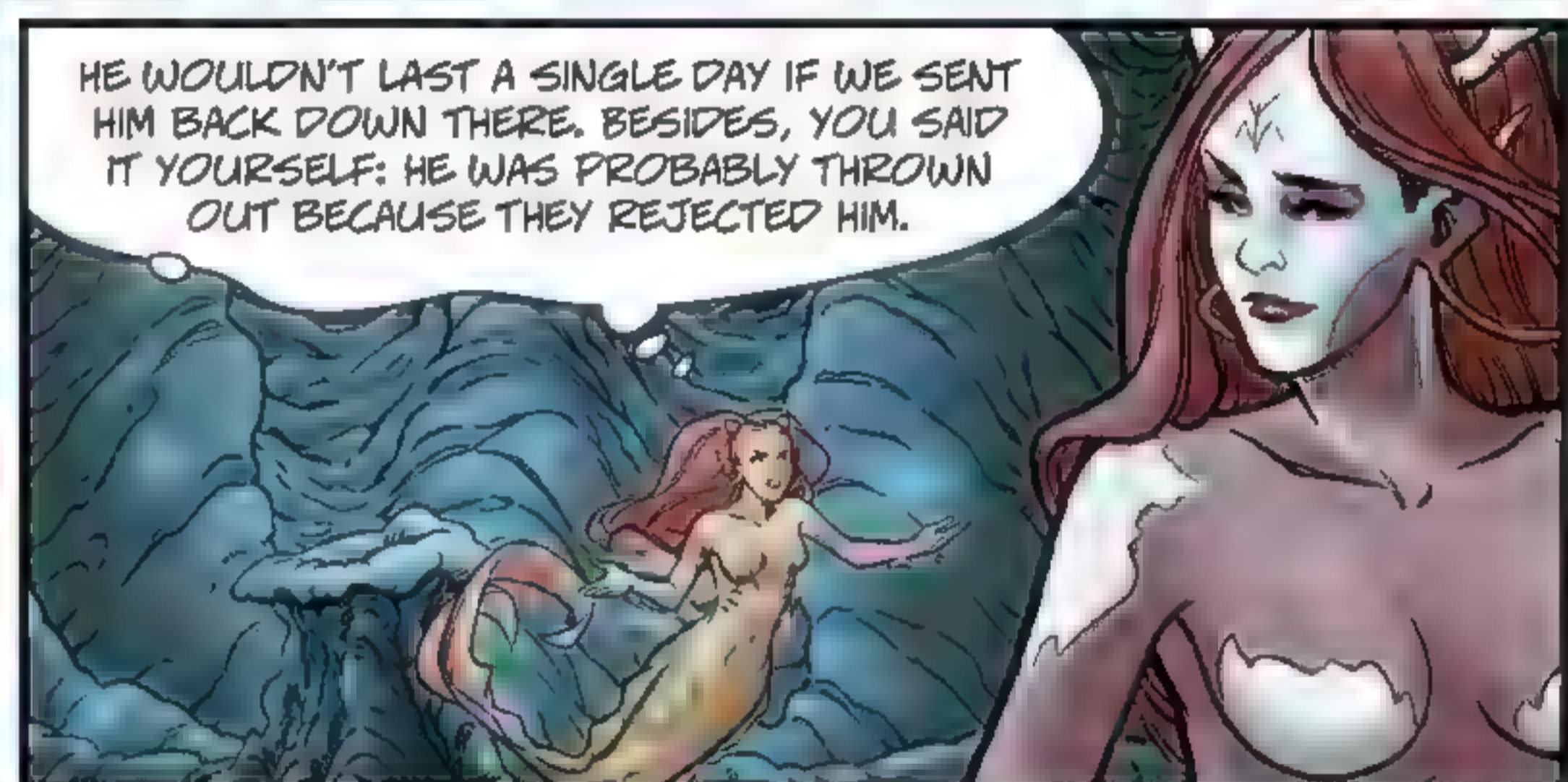
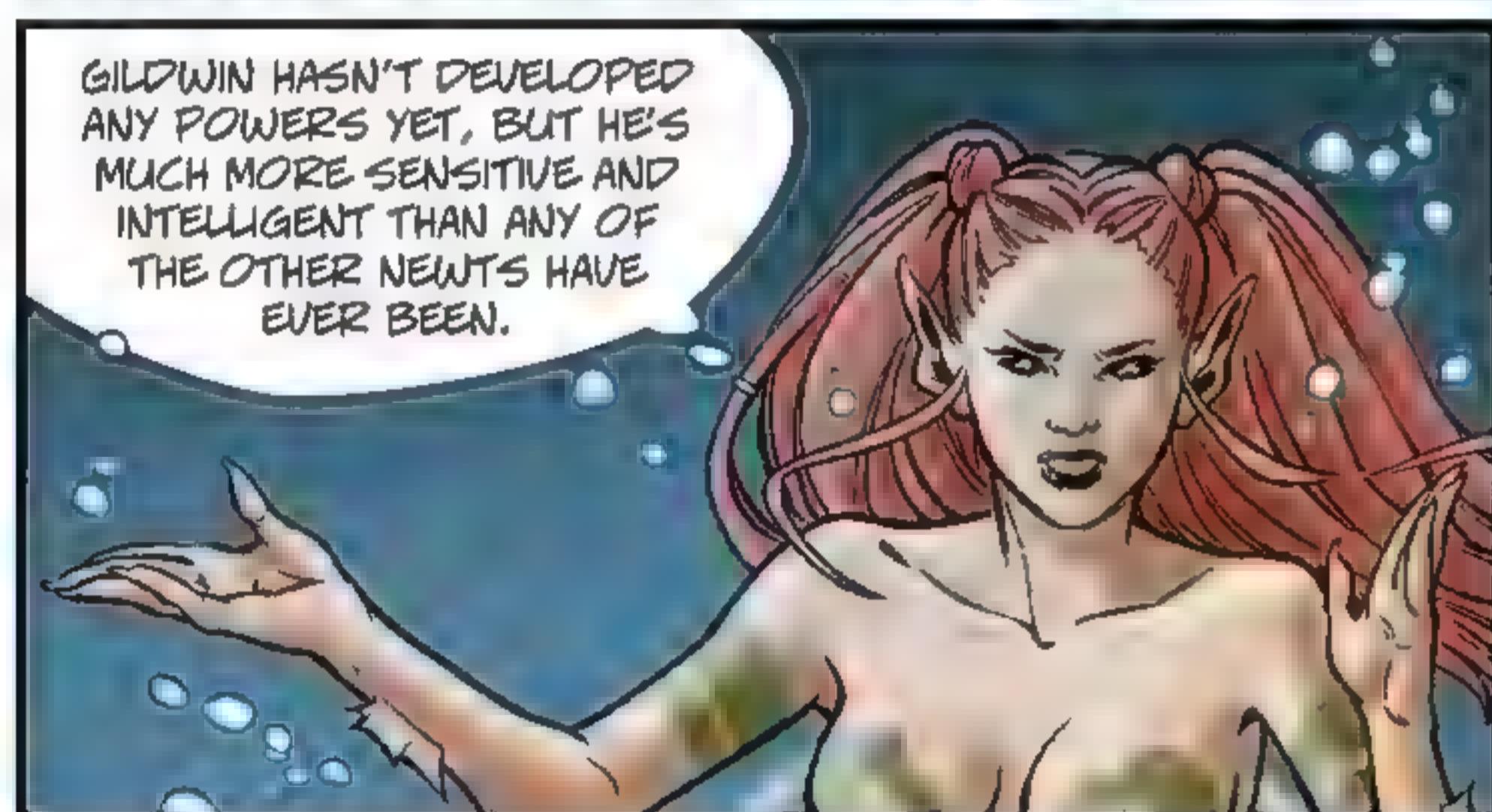
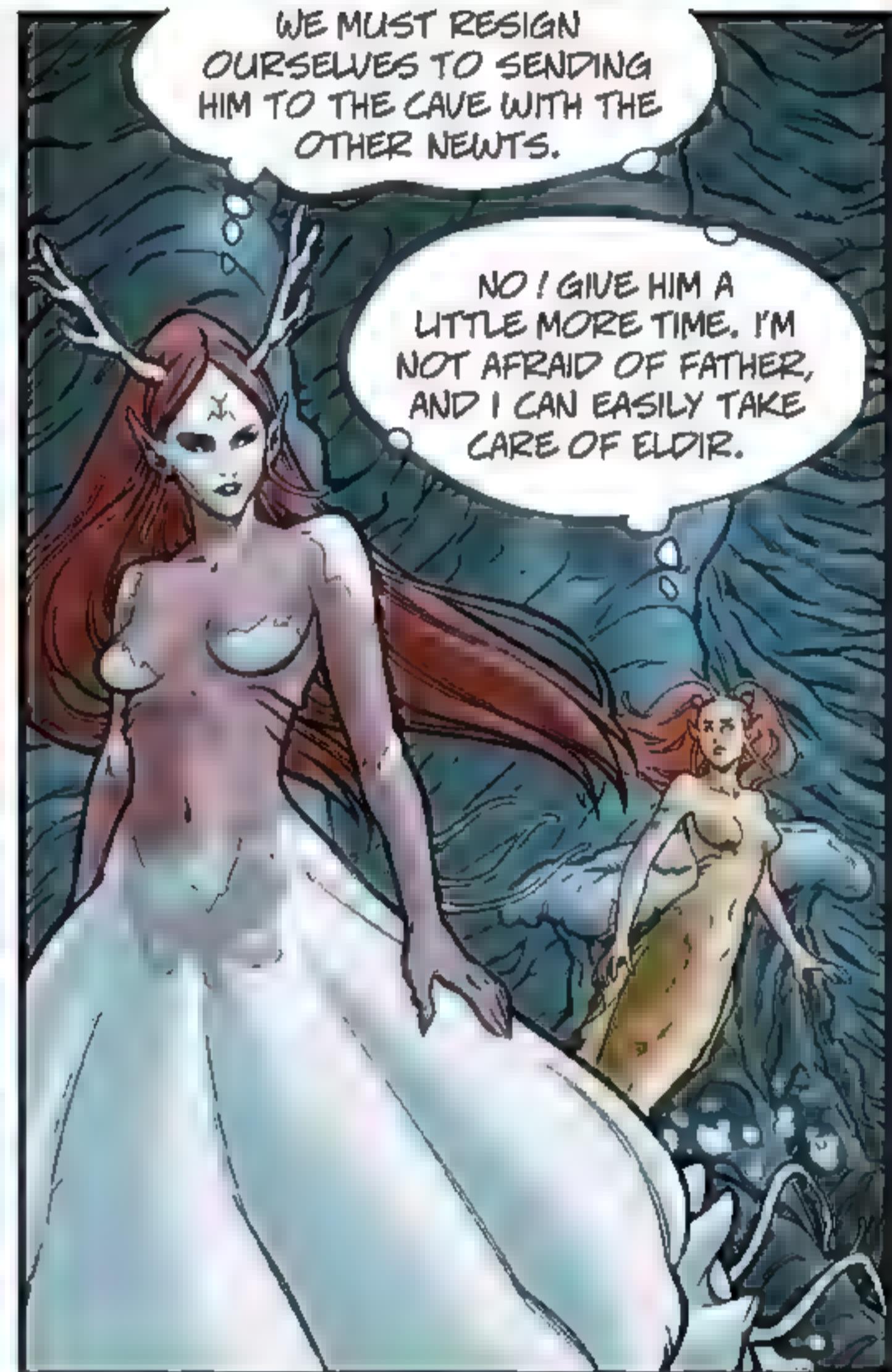
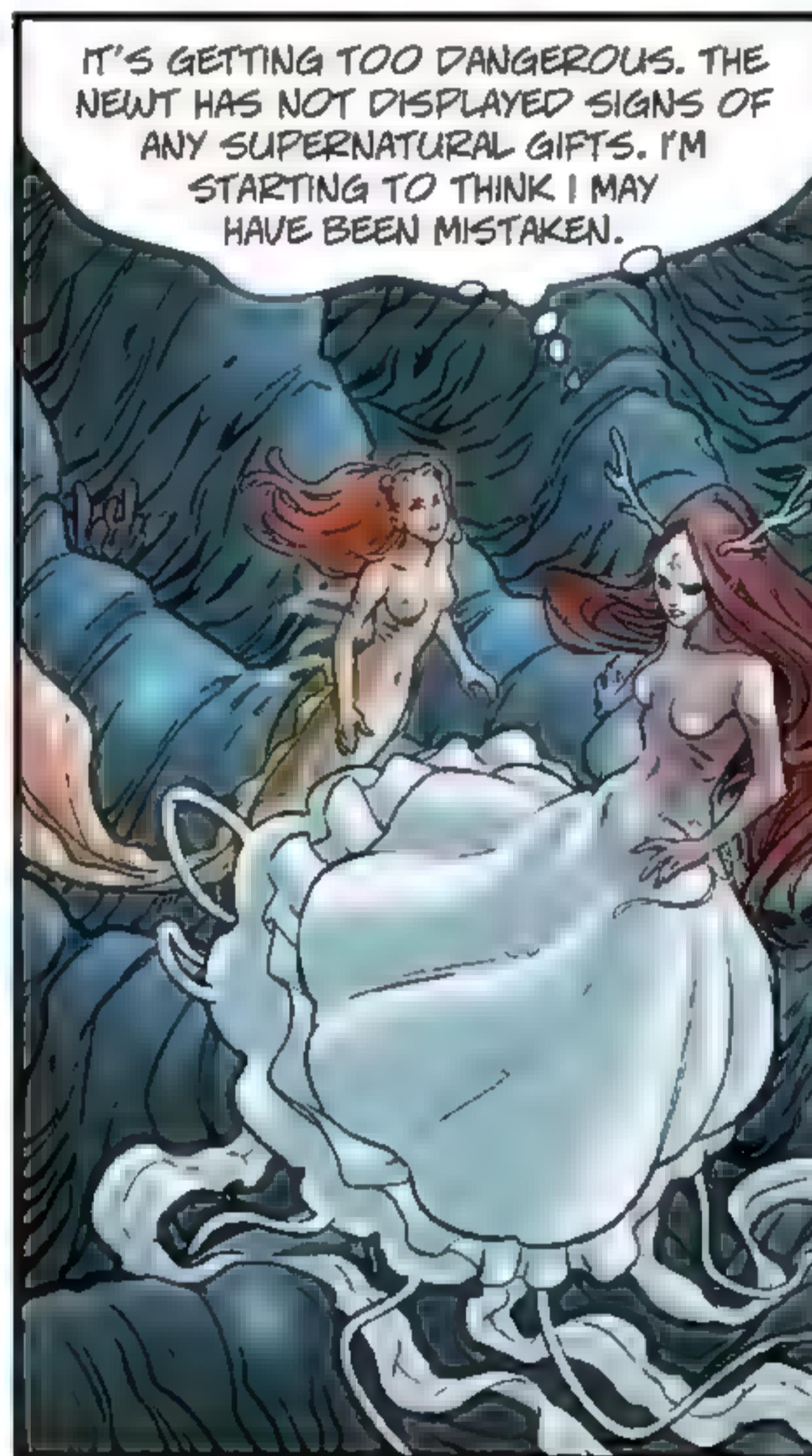
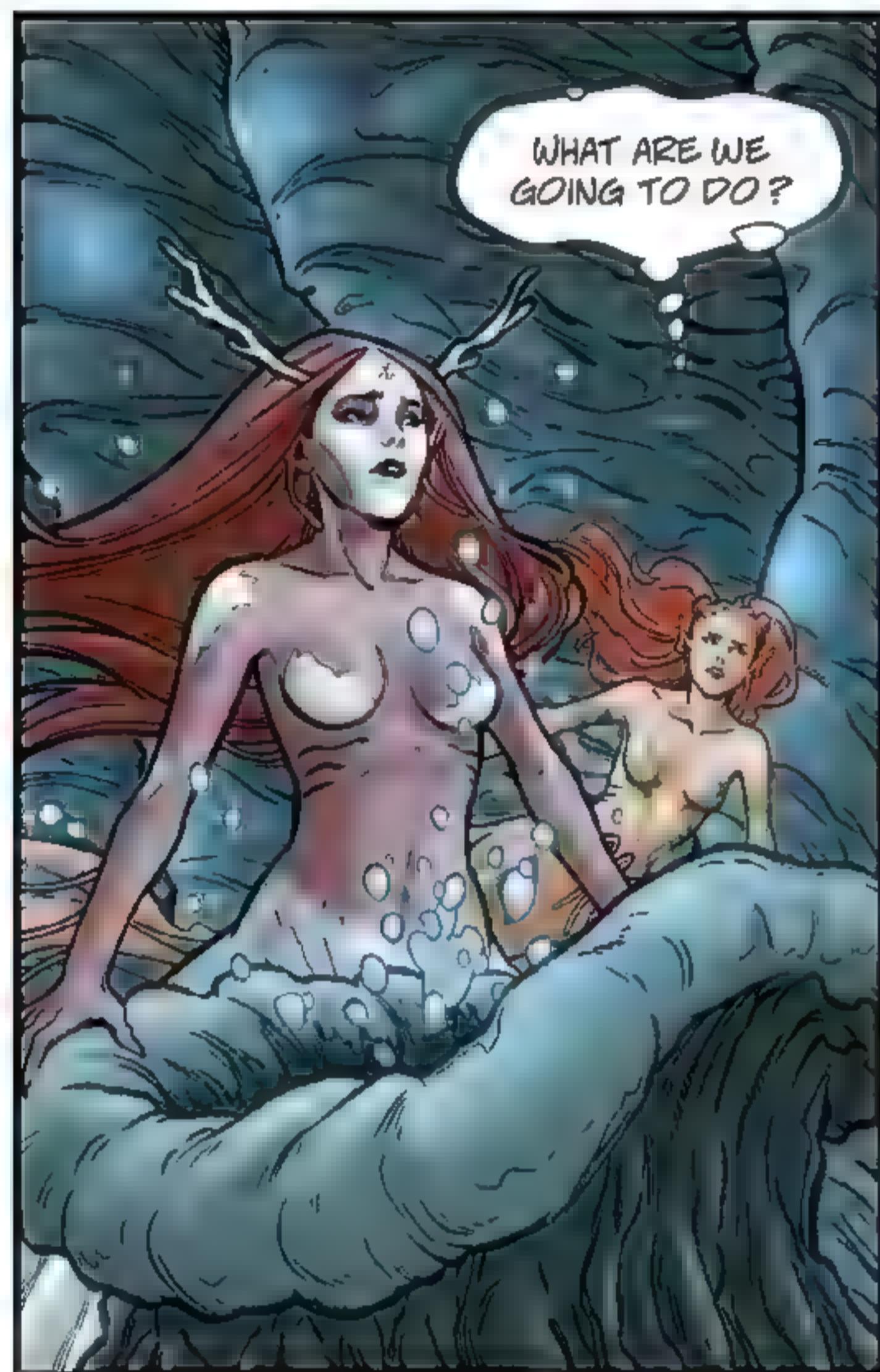
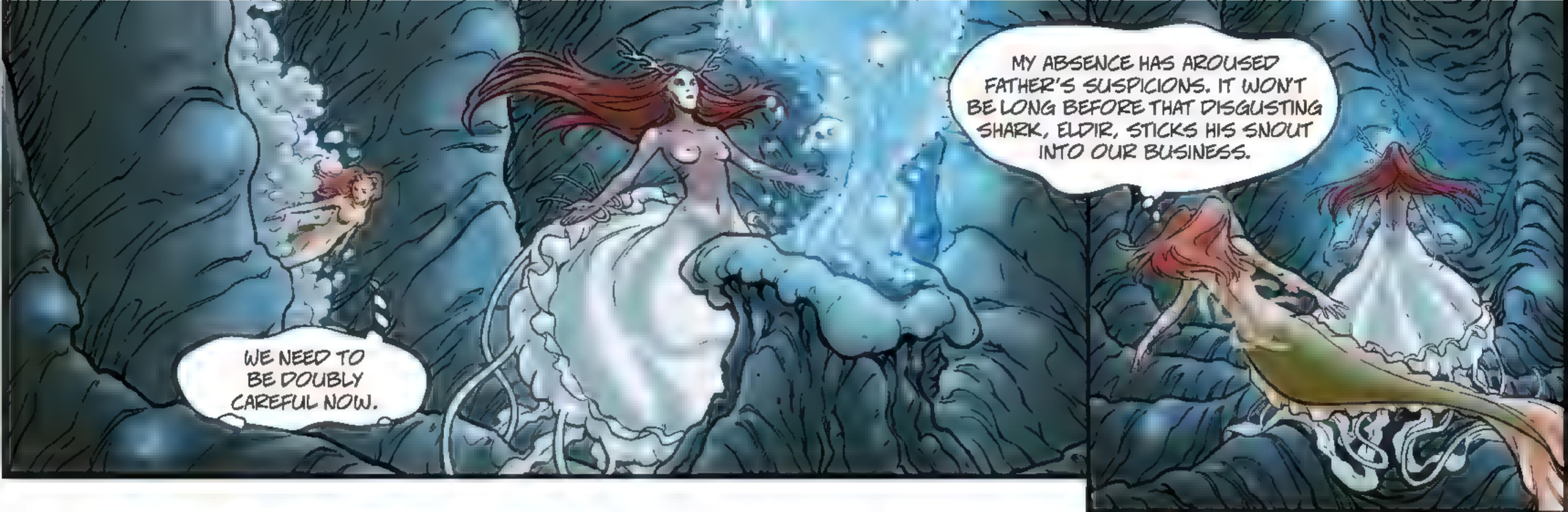


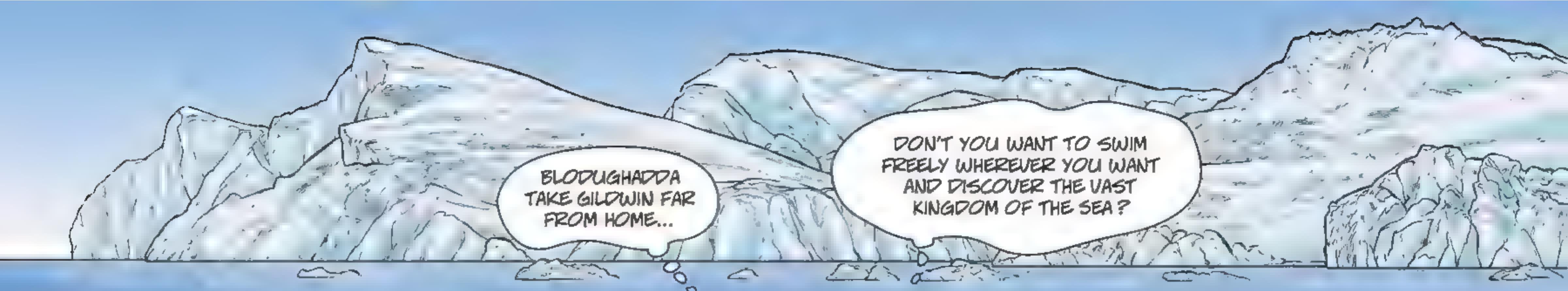






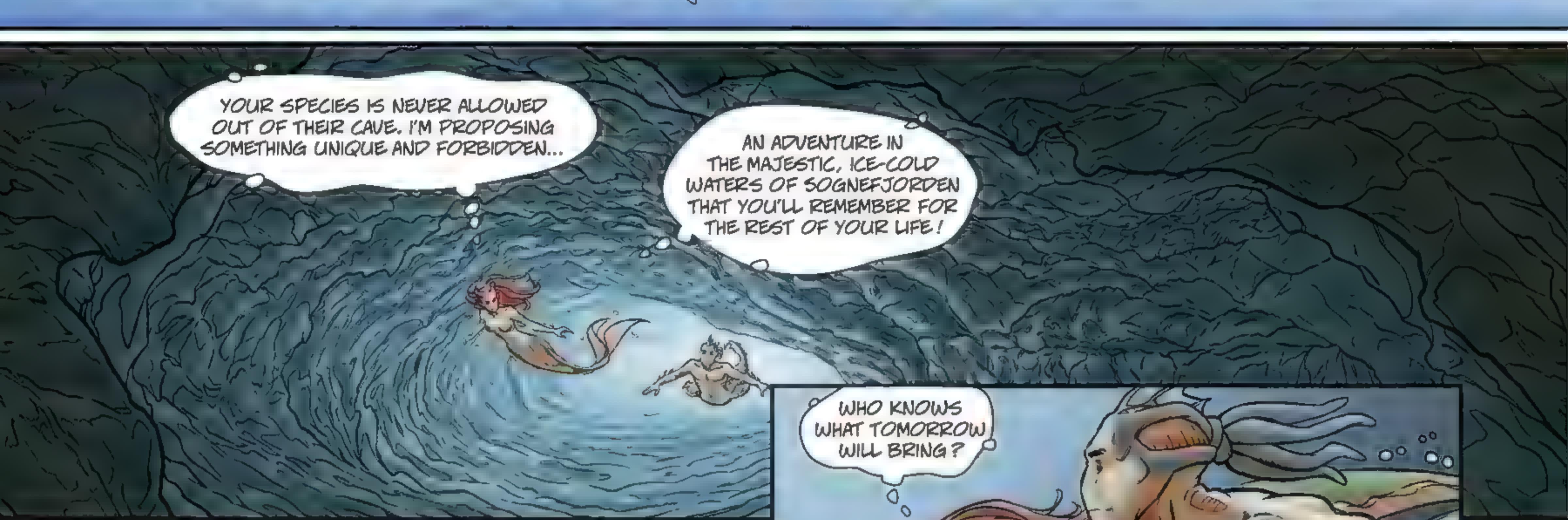






BLODUGHADDA
TAKE GILDWIN FAR
FROM HOME...

DON'T YOU WANT TO SWIM
FREELY WHEREVER YOU WANT
AND DISCOVER THE VAST
KINGDOM OF THE SEA?

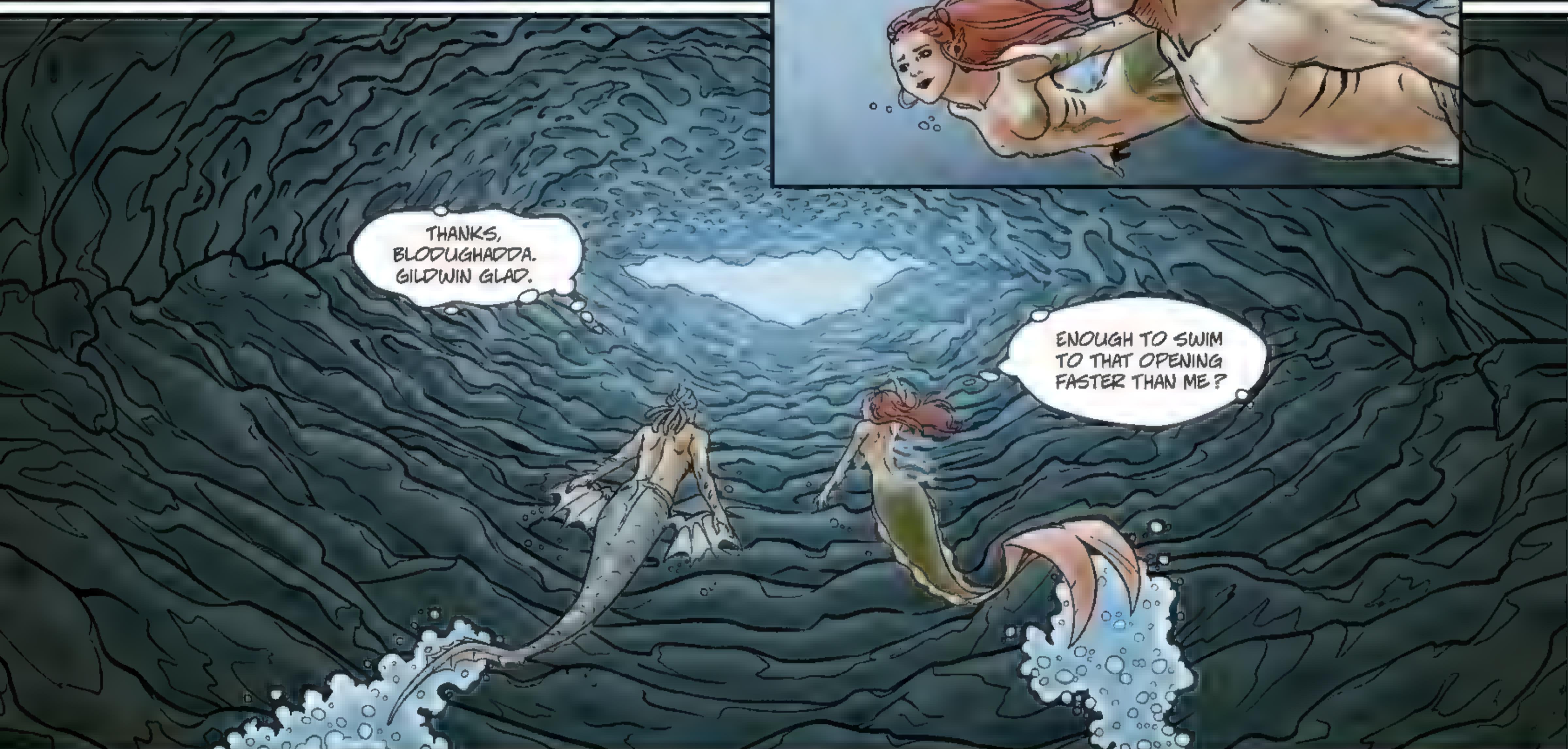


YOUR SPECIES IS NEVER ALLOWED
OUT OF THEIR CAVE. I'M PROPOSING
SOMETHING UNIQUE AND FORBIDDEN...

AN ADVENTURE IN
THE MAJESTIC, ICE-COLD
WATERS OF SØGNEFJORDEN
THAT YOU'LL REMEMBER FOR
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

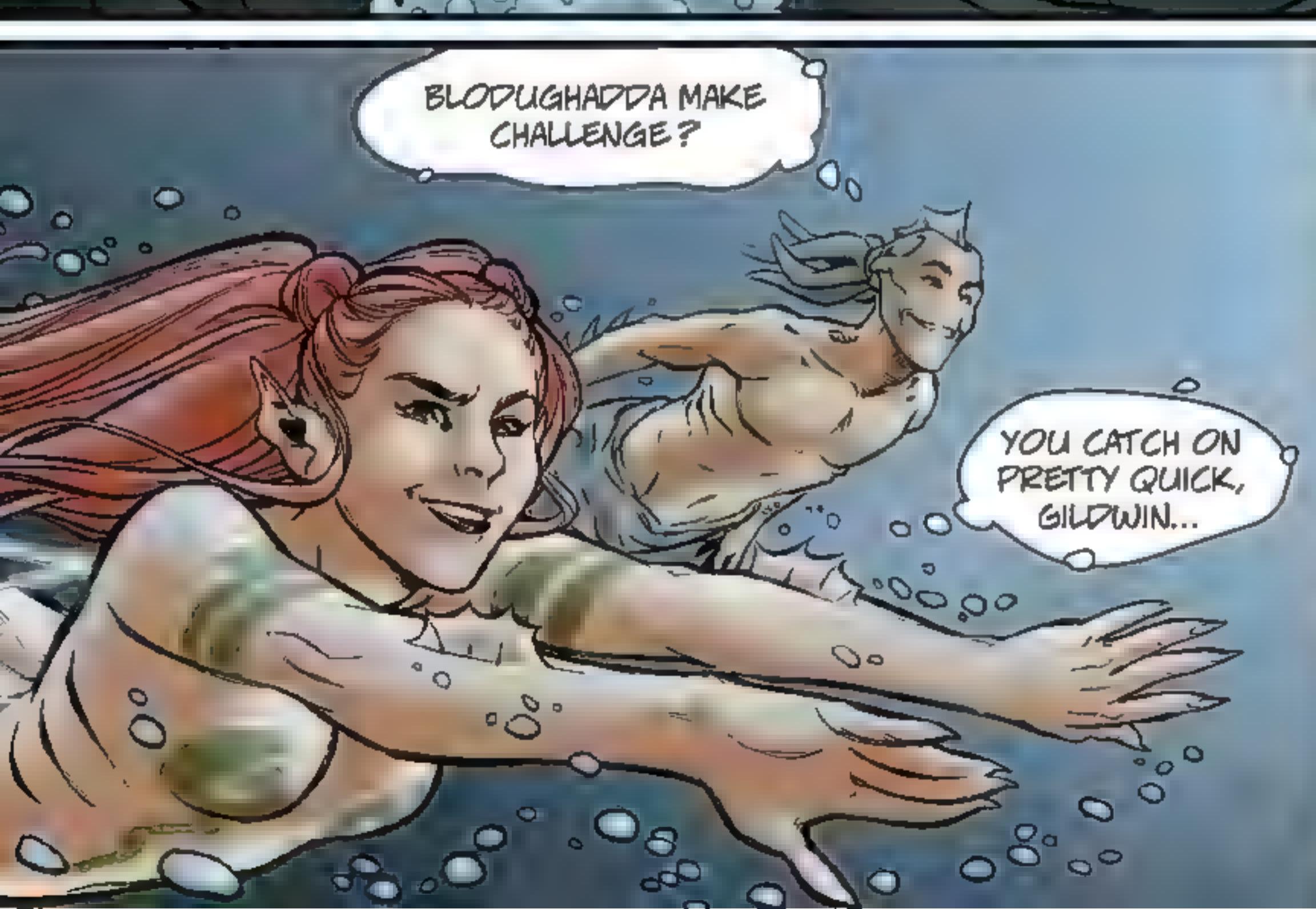


WHO KNOWS
WHAT TOMORROW
WILL BRING?



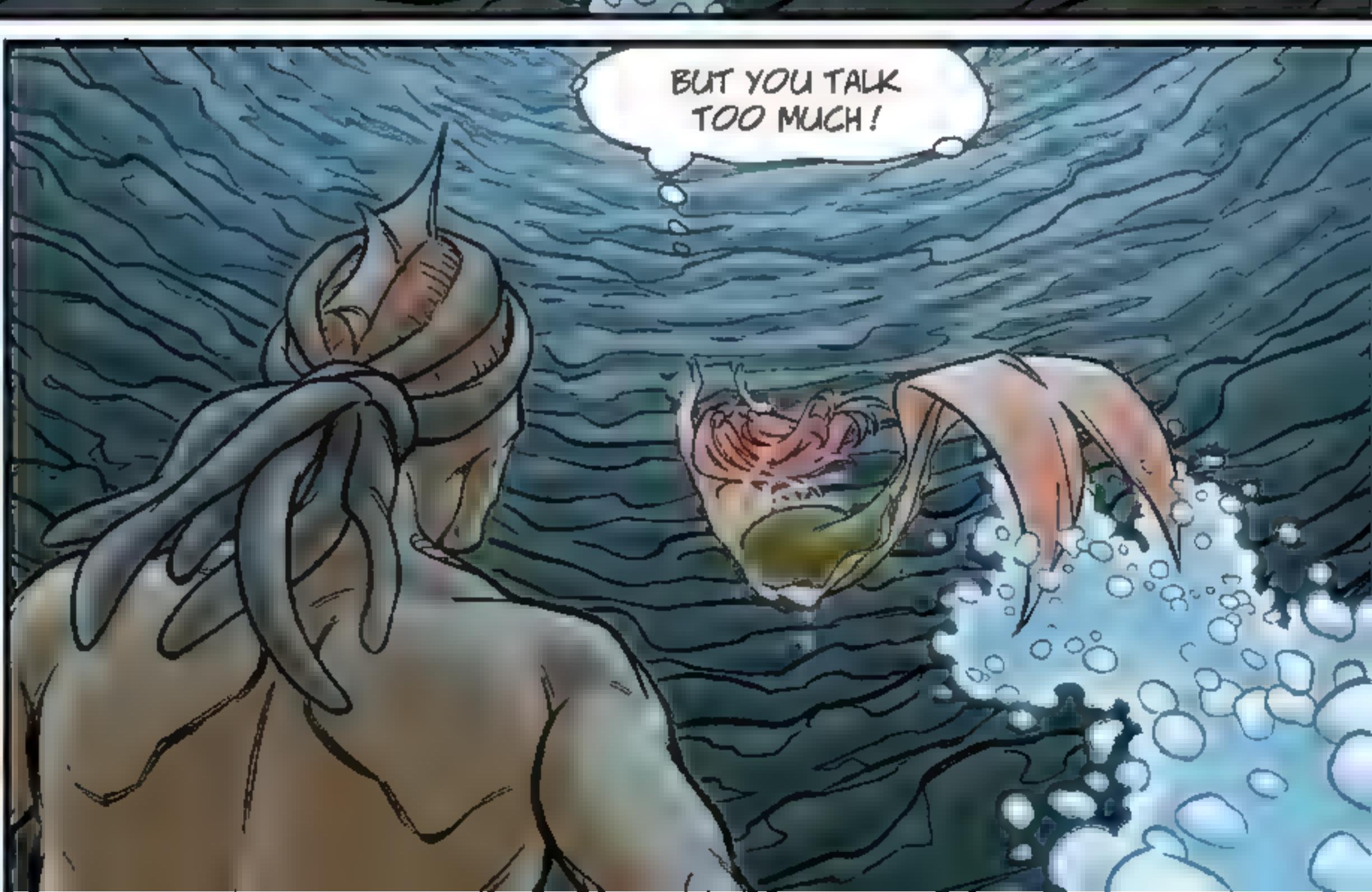
THANKS,
BLODUGHADDA.
GILDWIN GLAD.

ENOUGH TO SWIM
TO THAT OPENING
FASTER THAN ME?

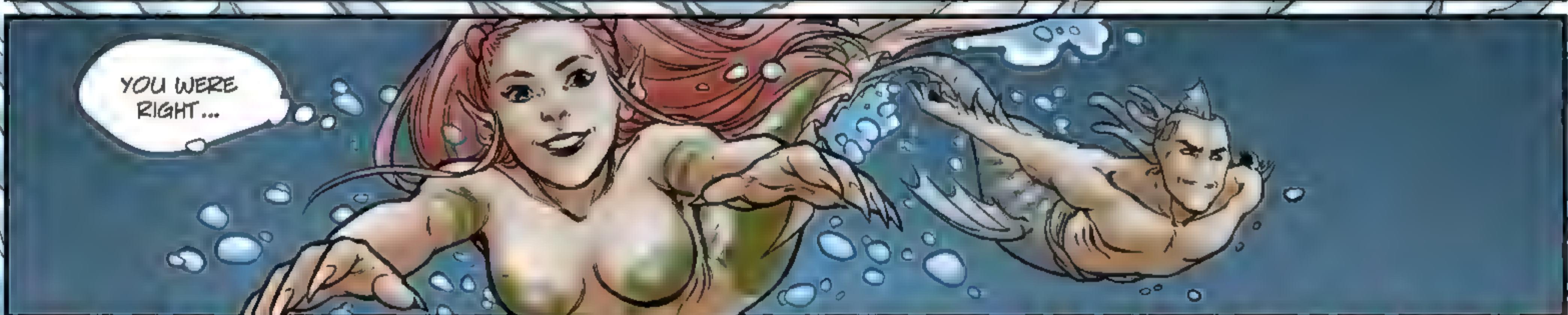
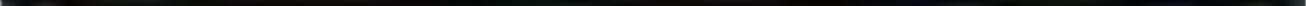
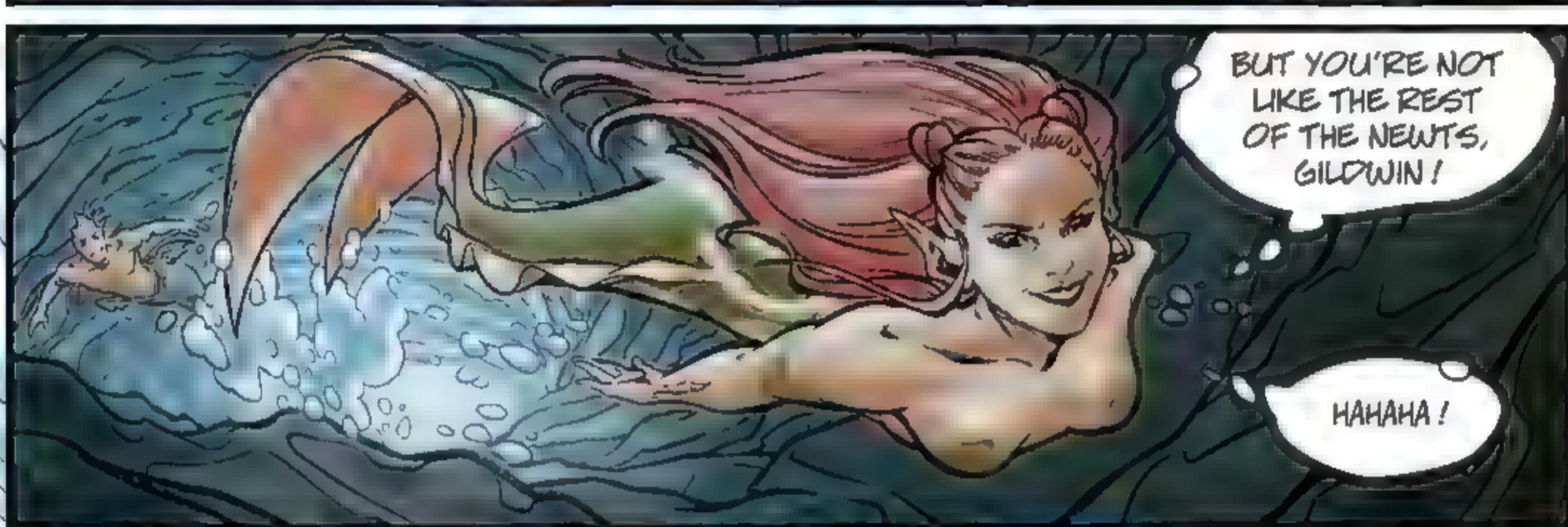
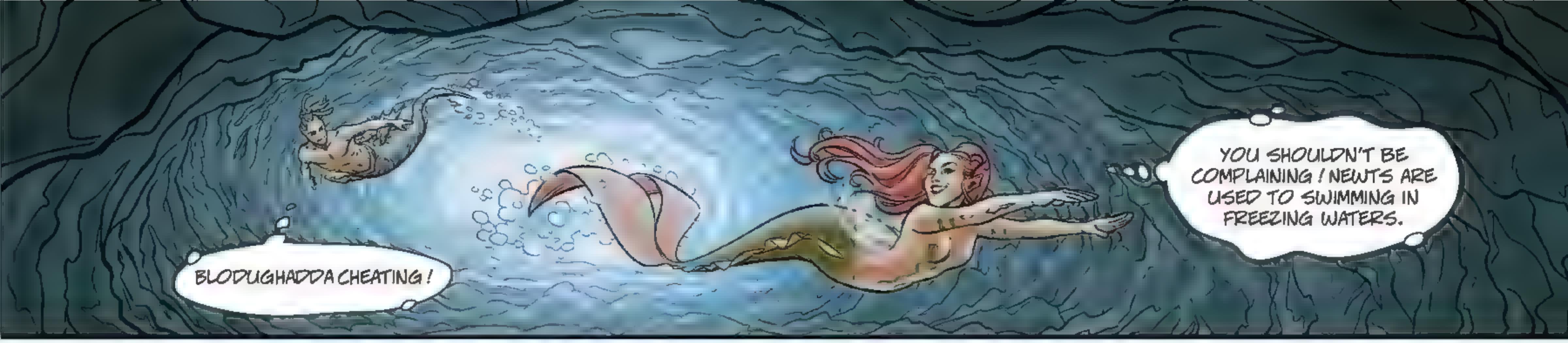


BLODUGHADDA MAKE
CHALLENGE?

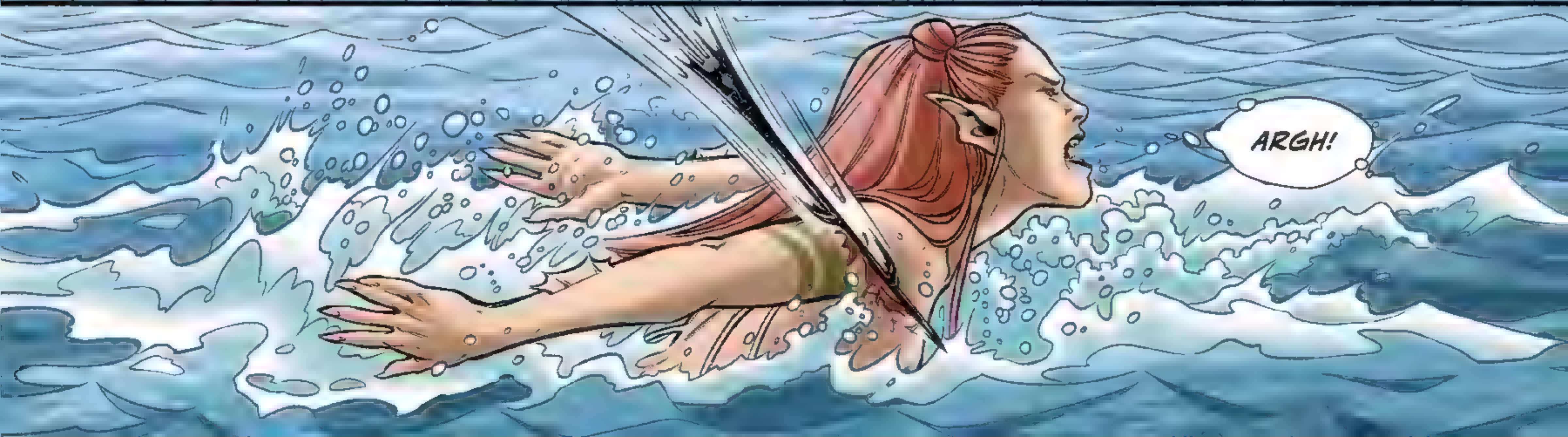
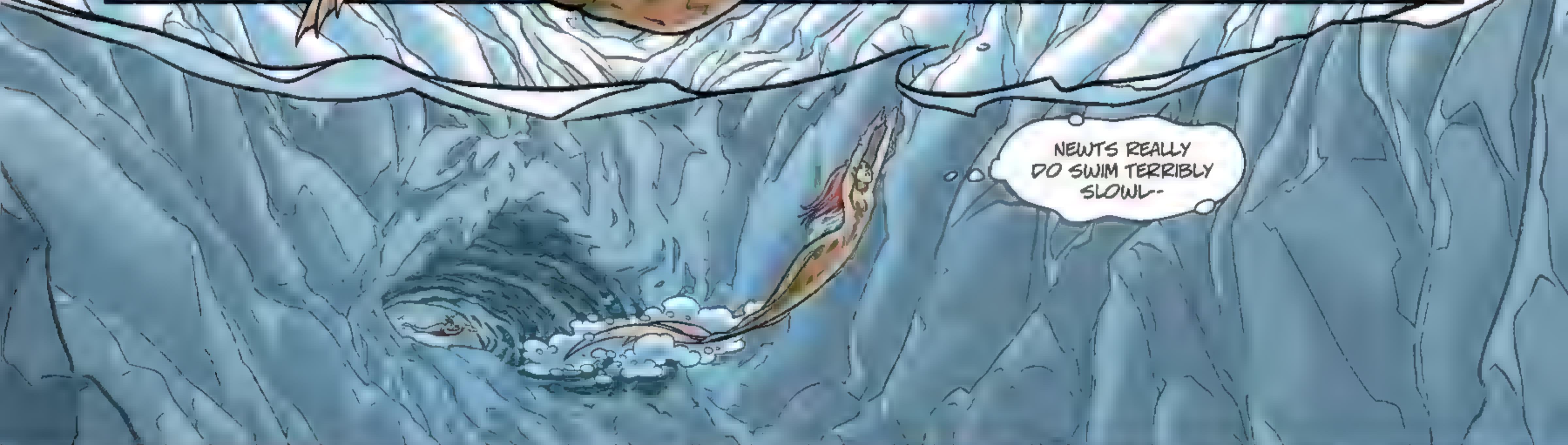
YOU CATCH ON
PRETTY QUICK,
GILDWIN...

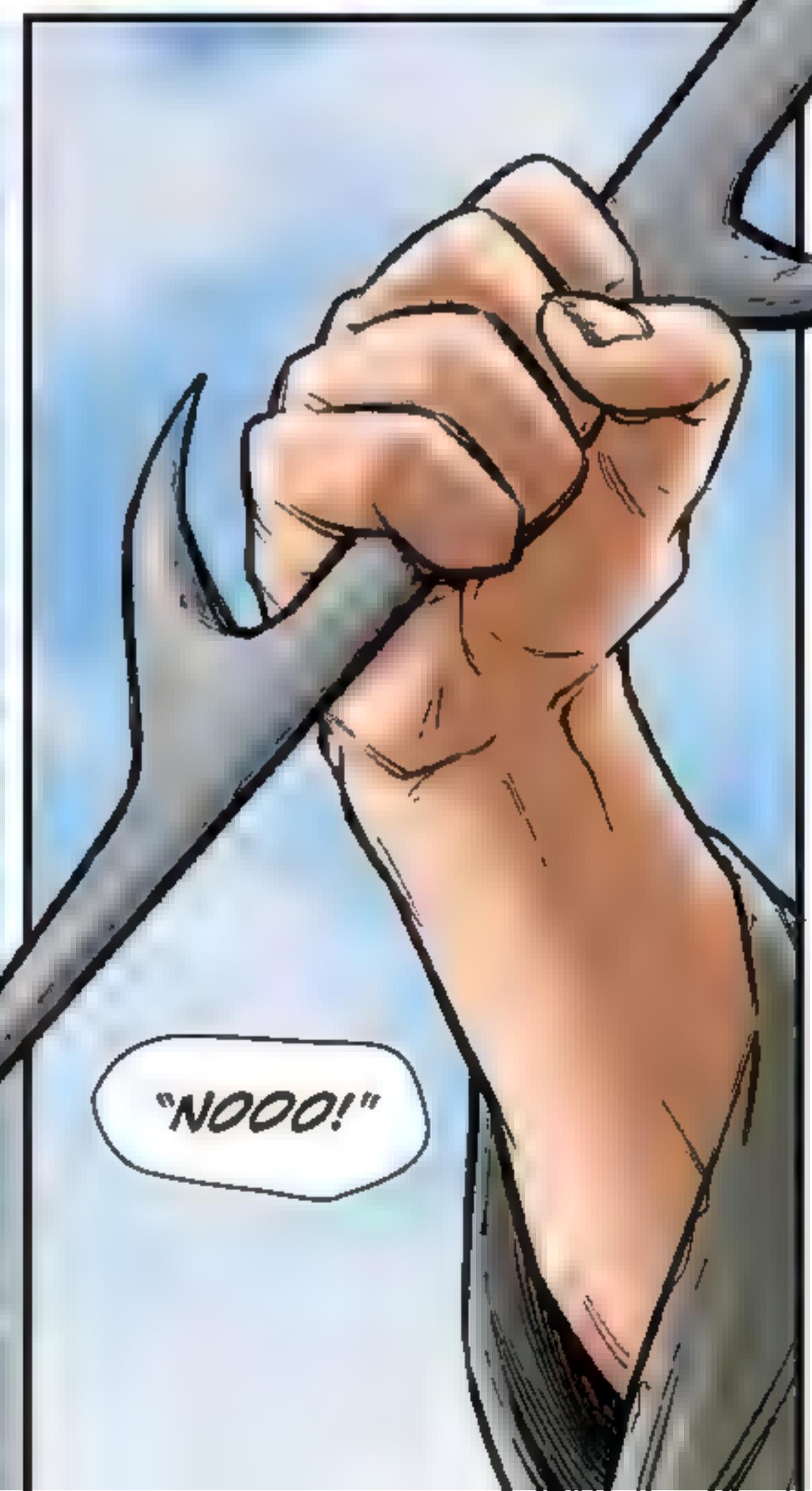
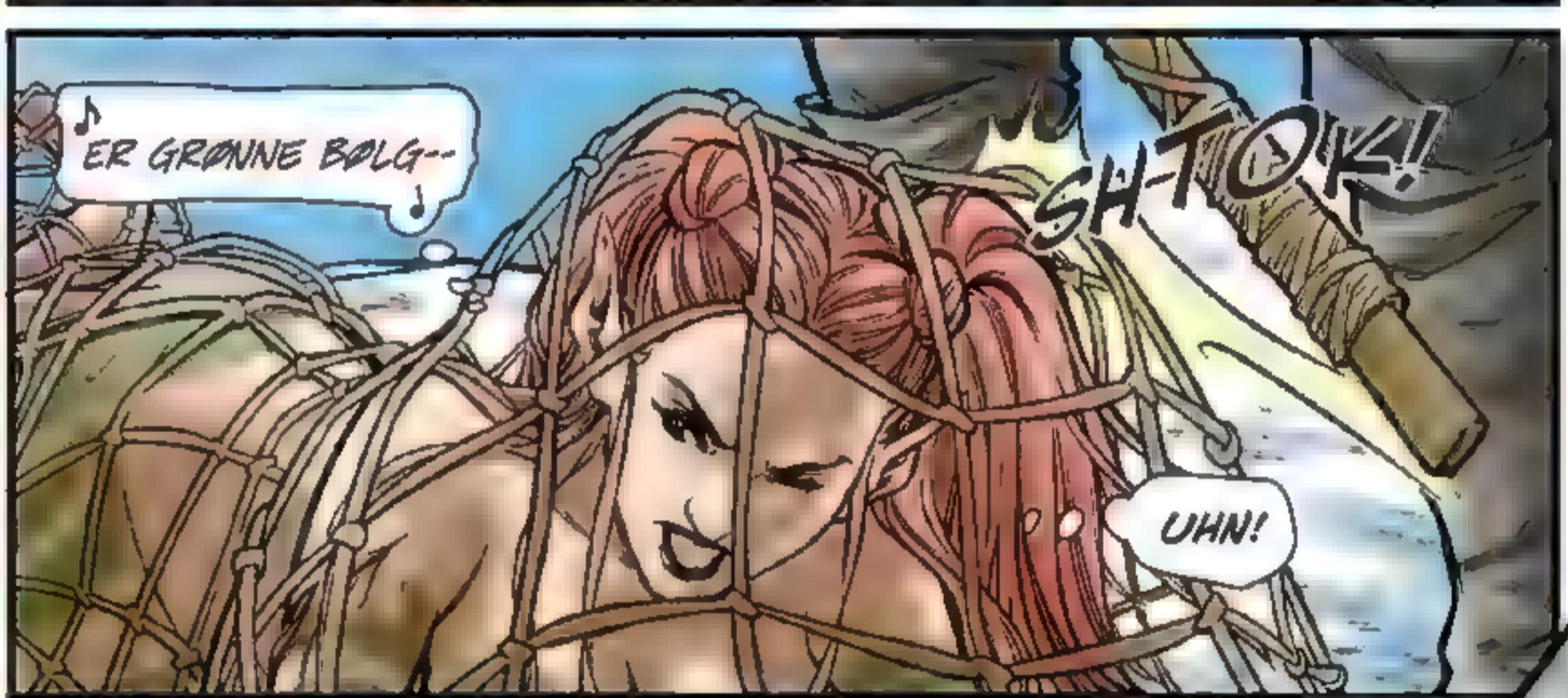
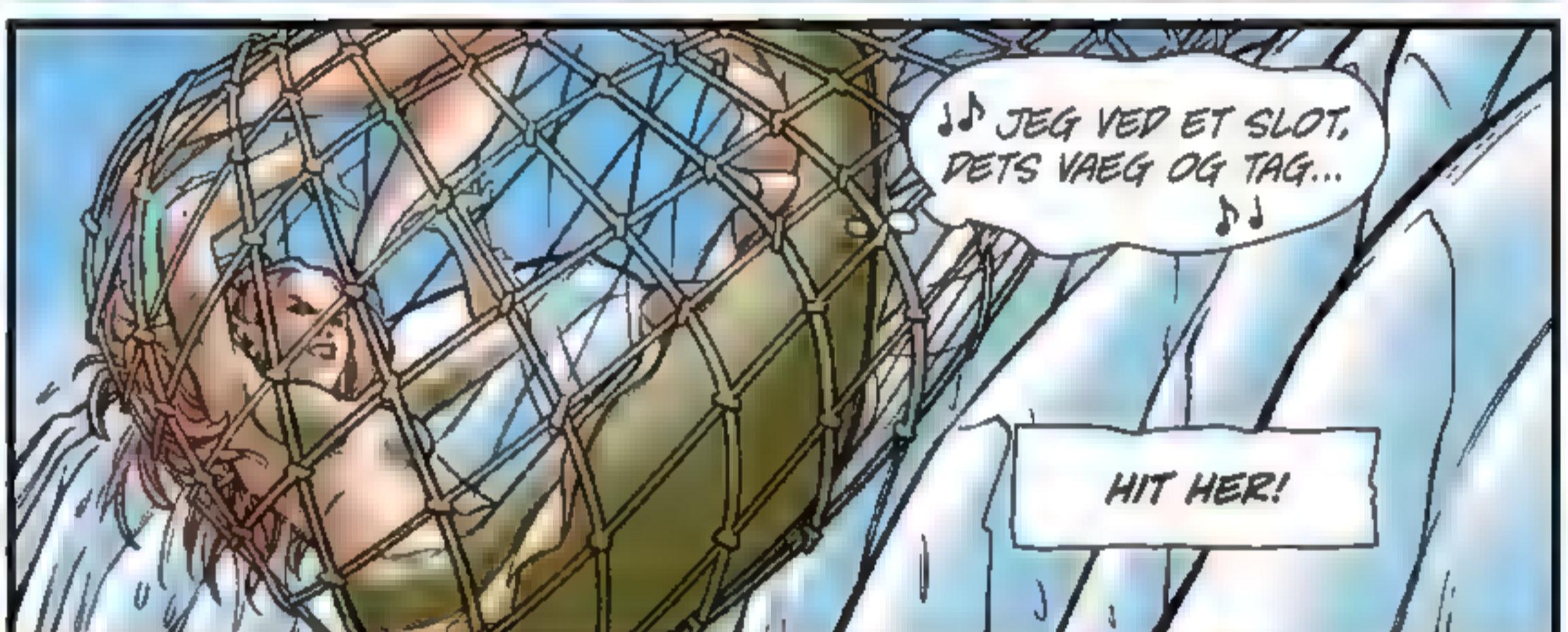
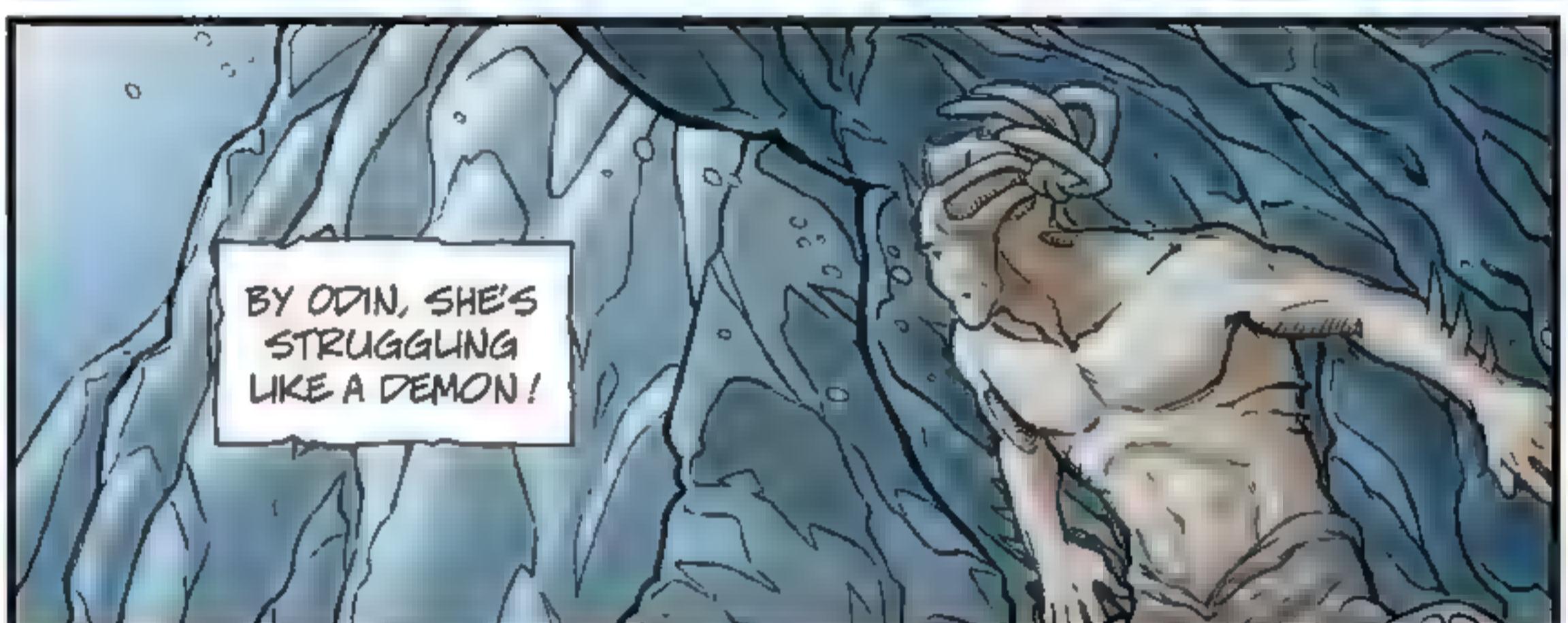
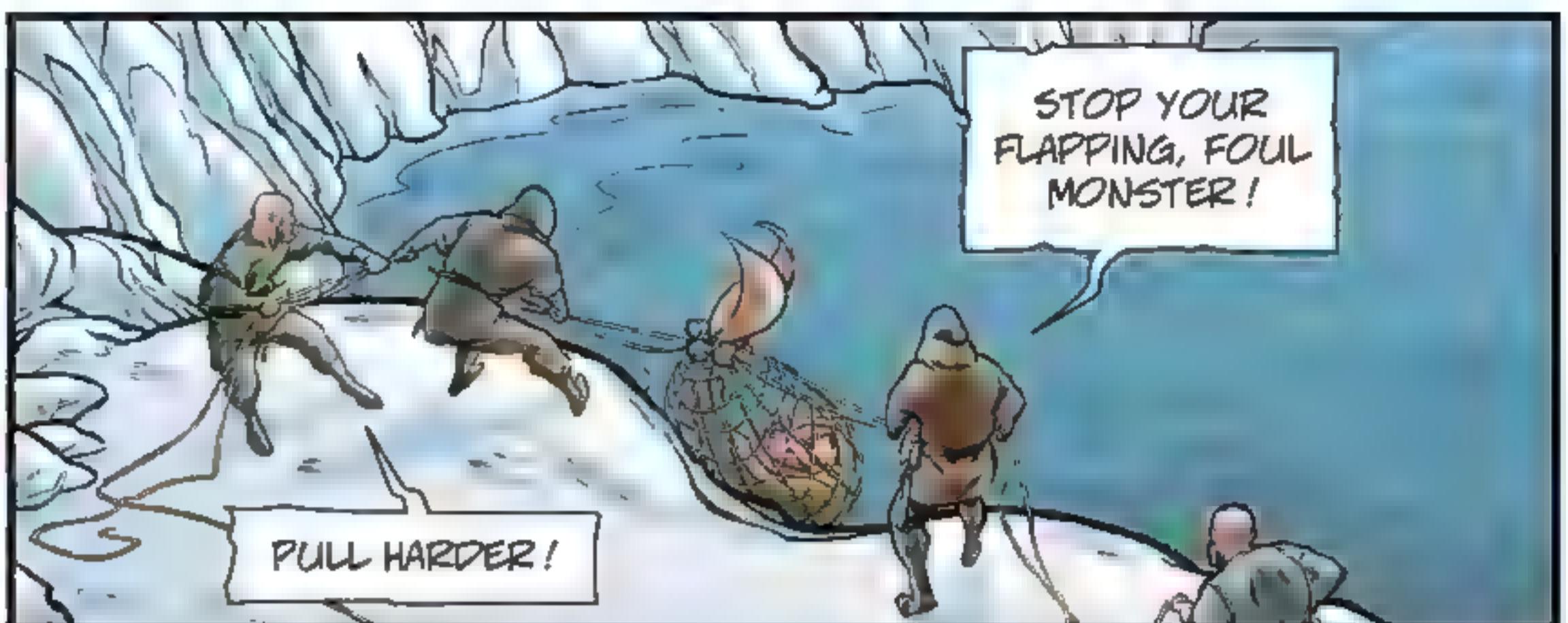


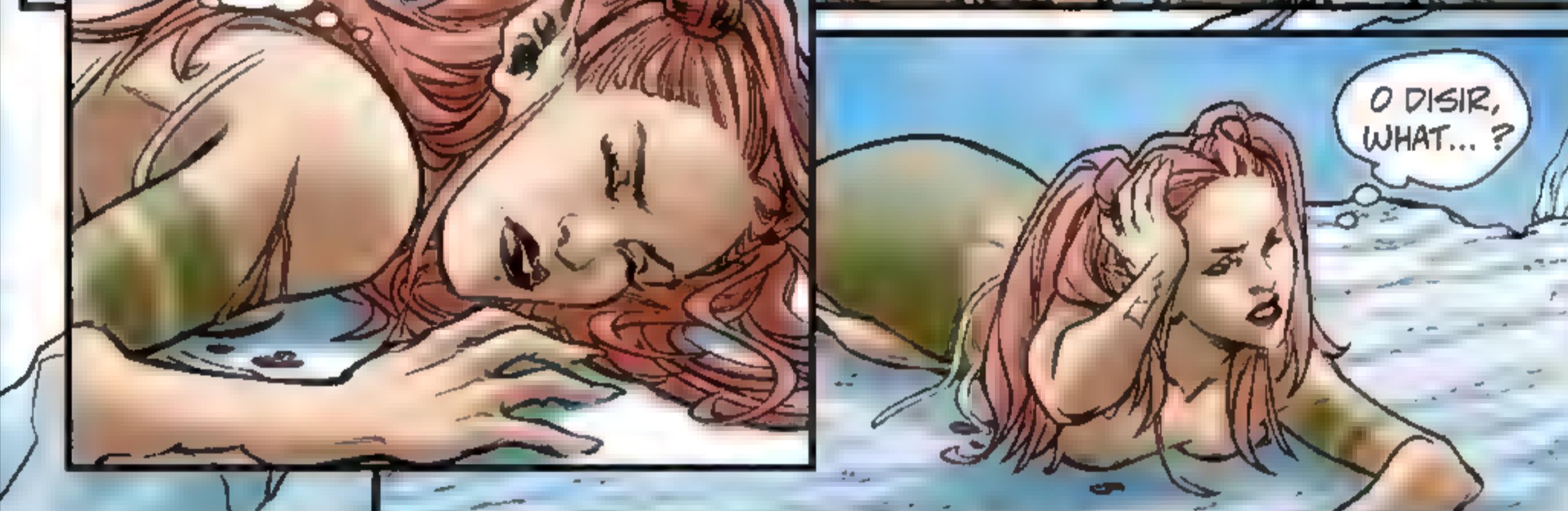
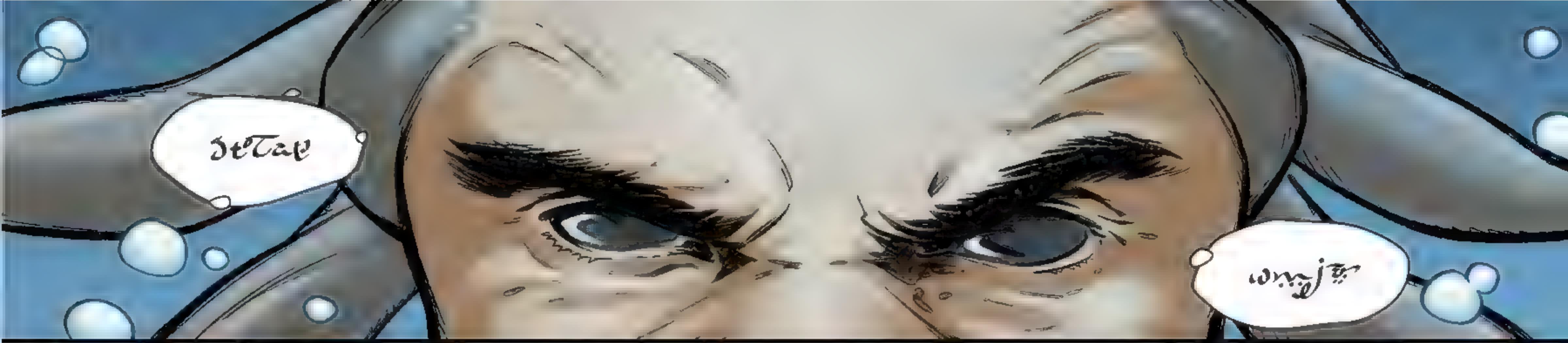
BUT YOU TALK
TOO MUCH!

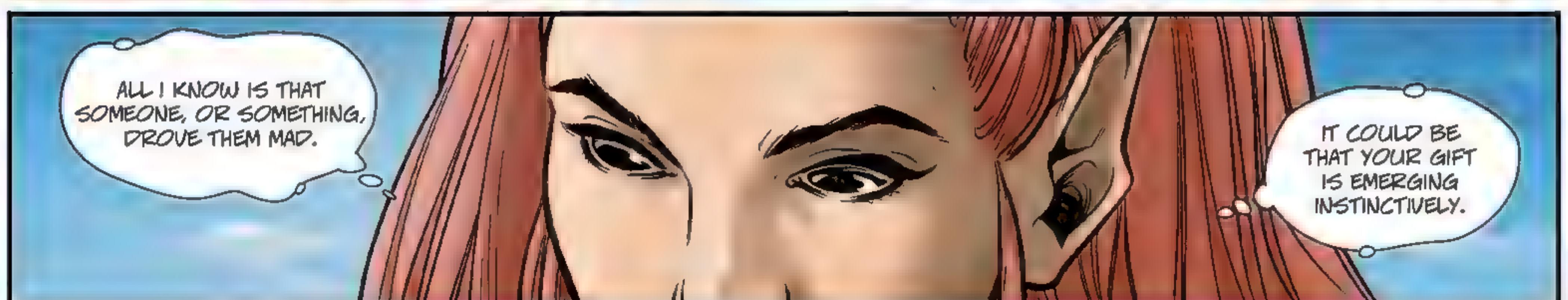
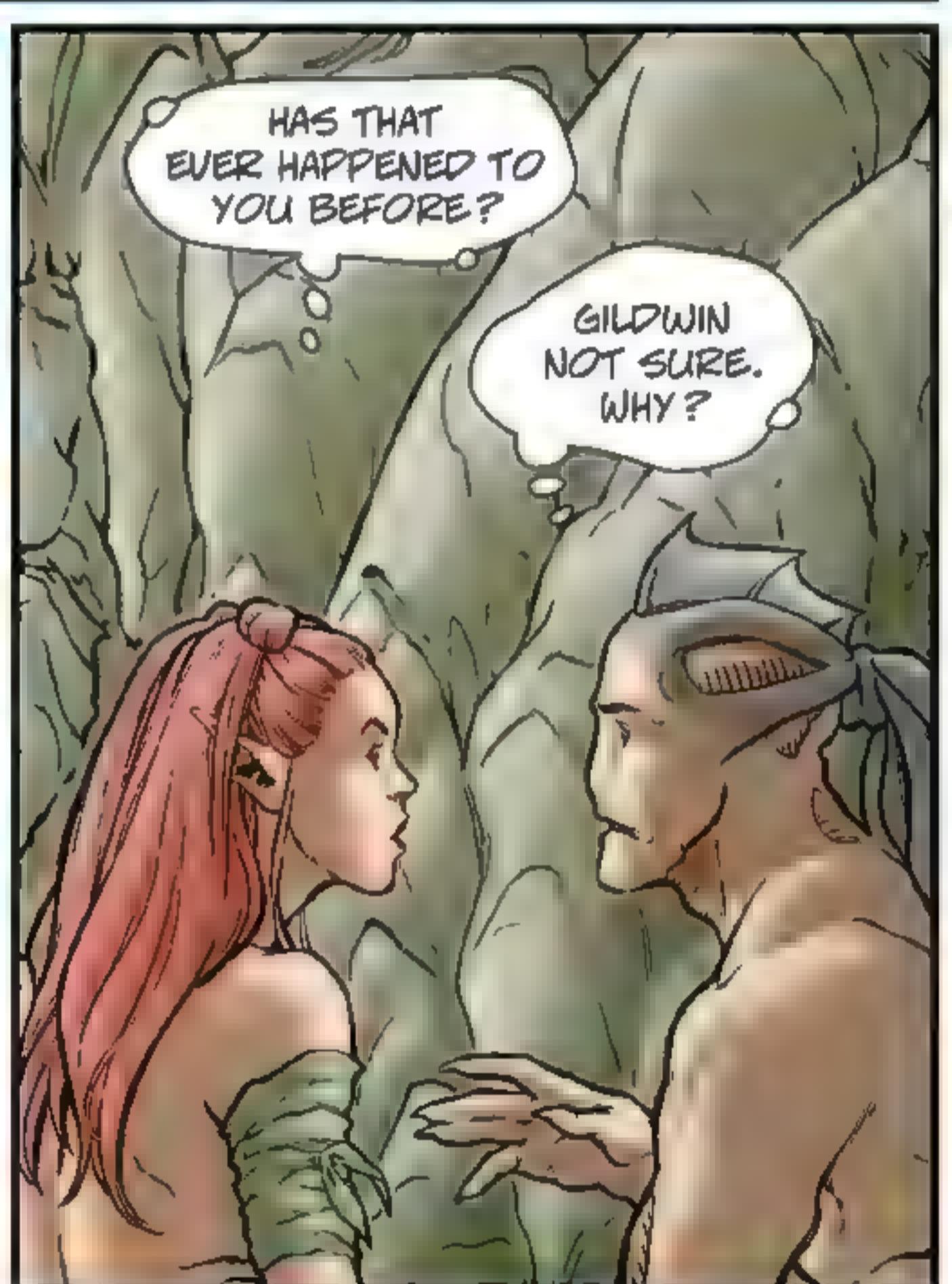
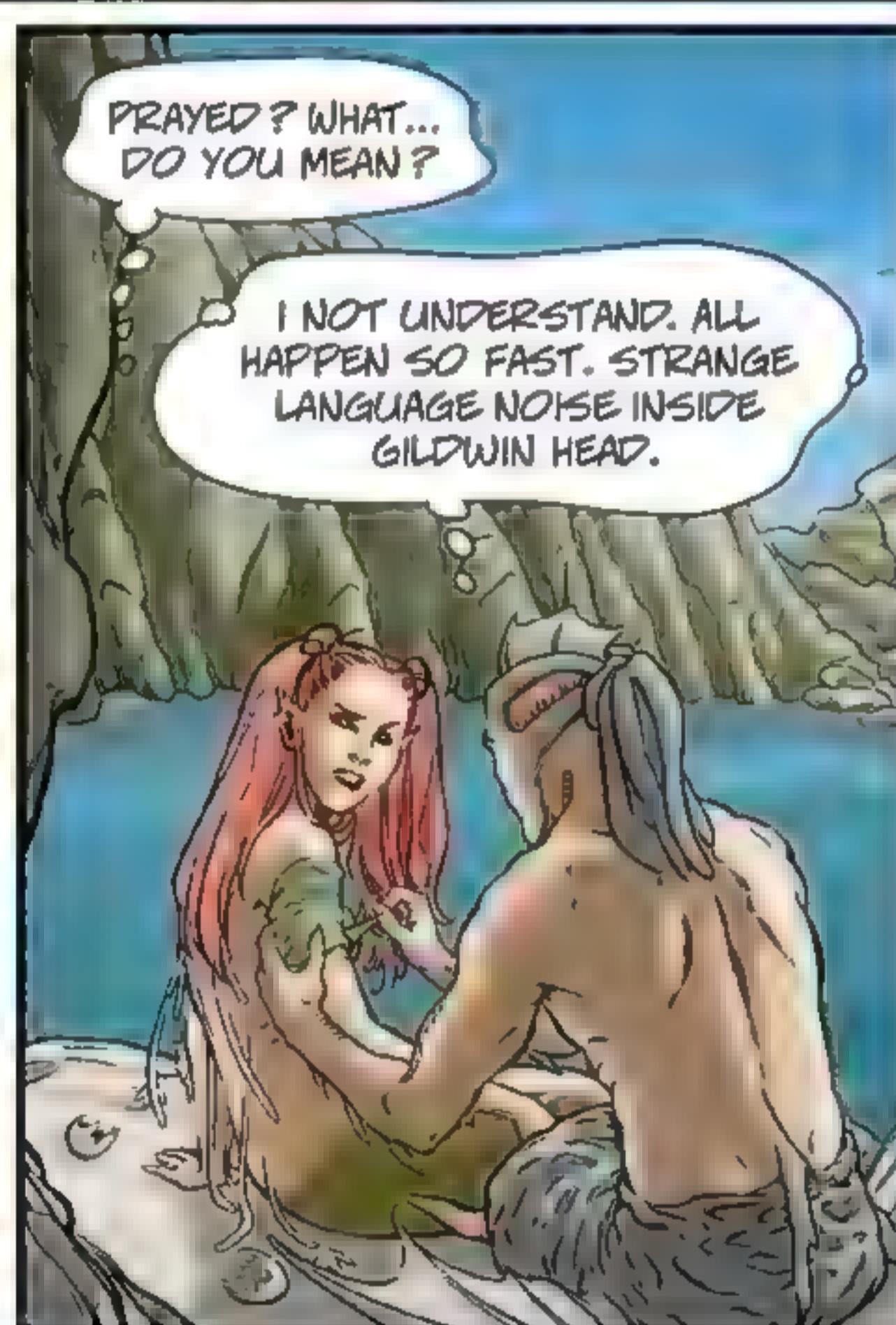
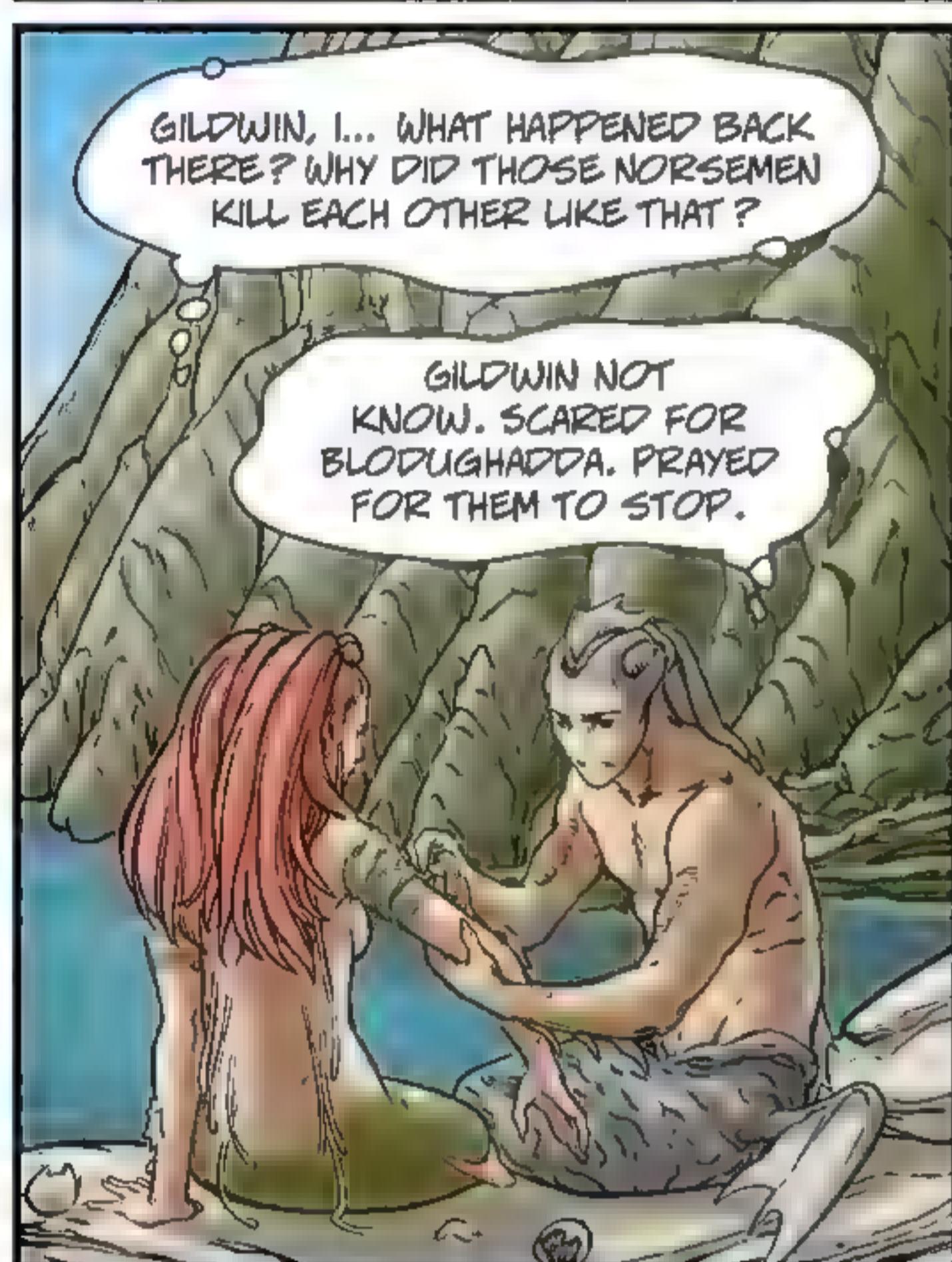
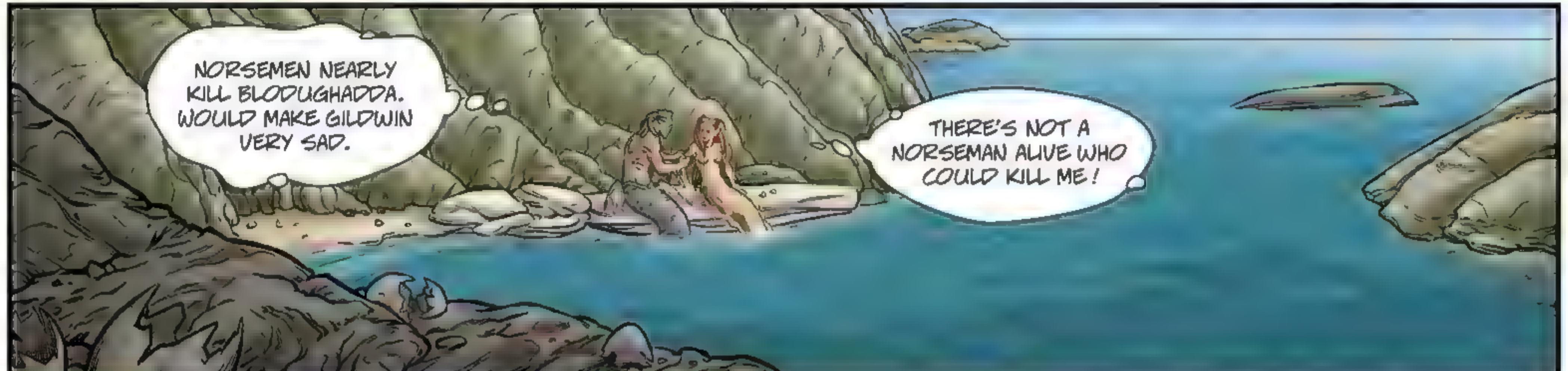
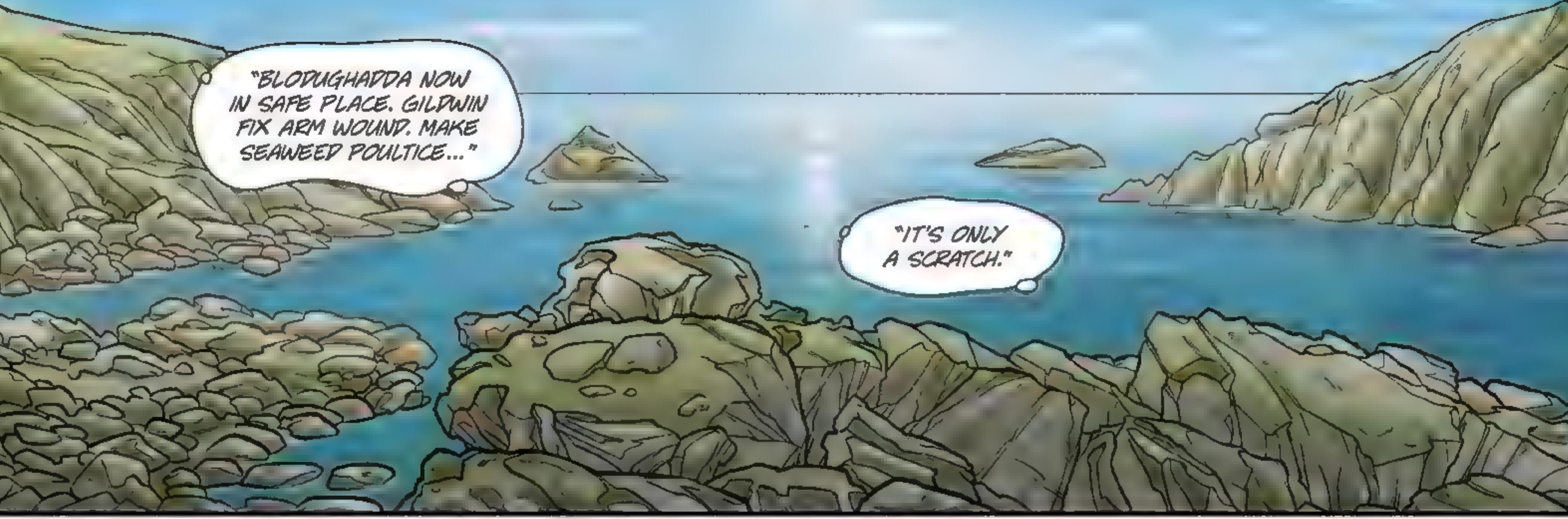


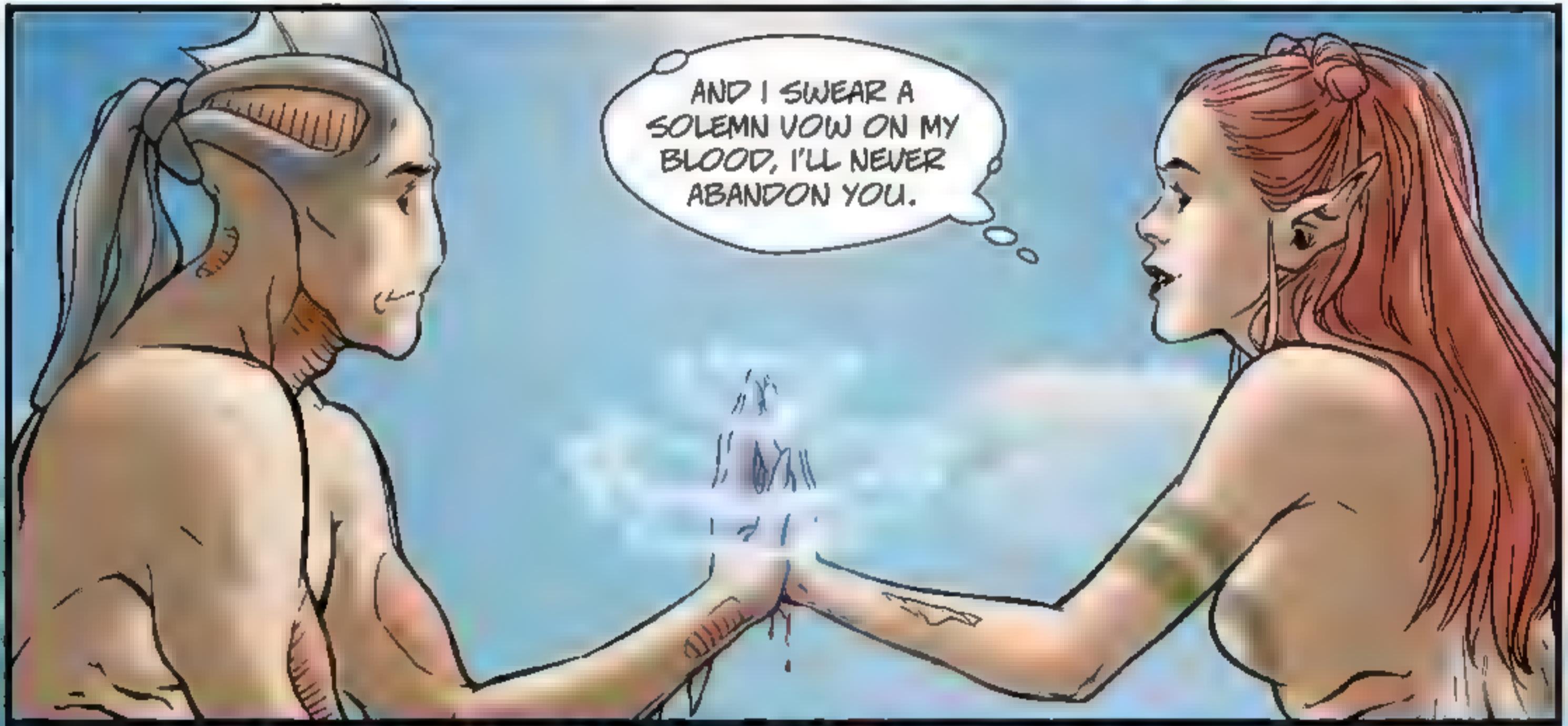
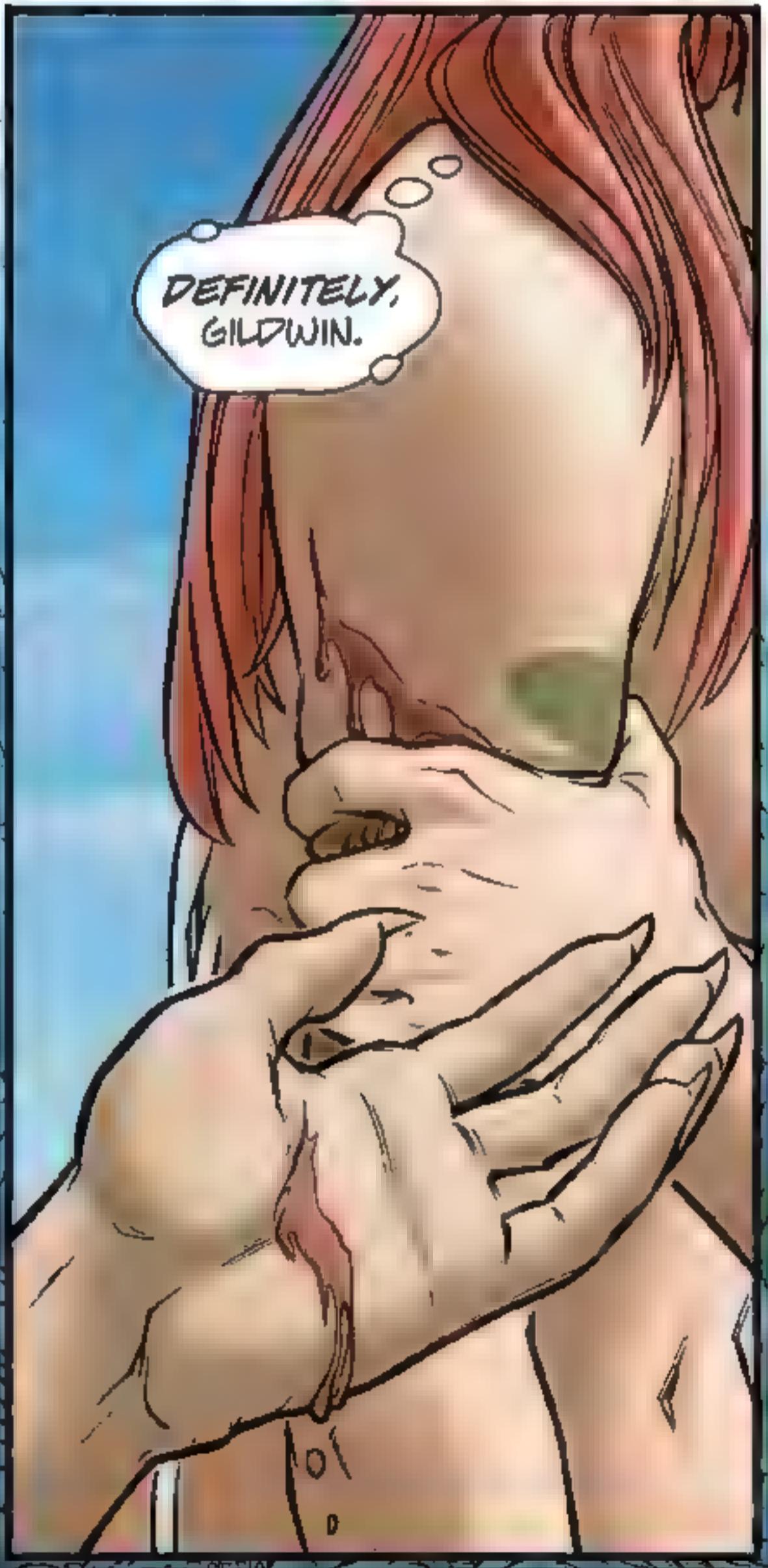
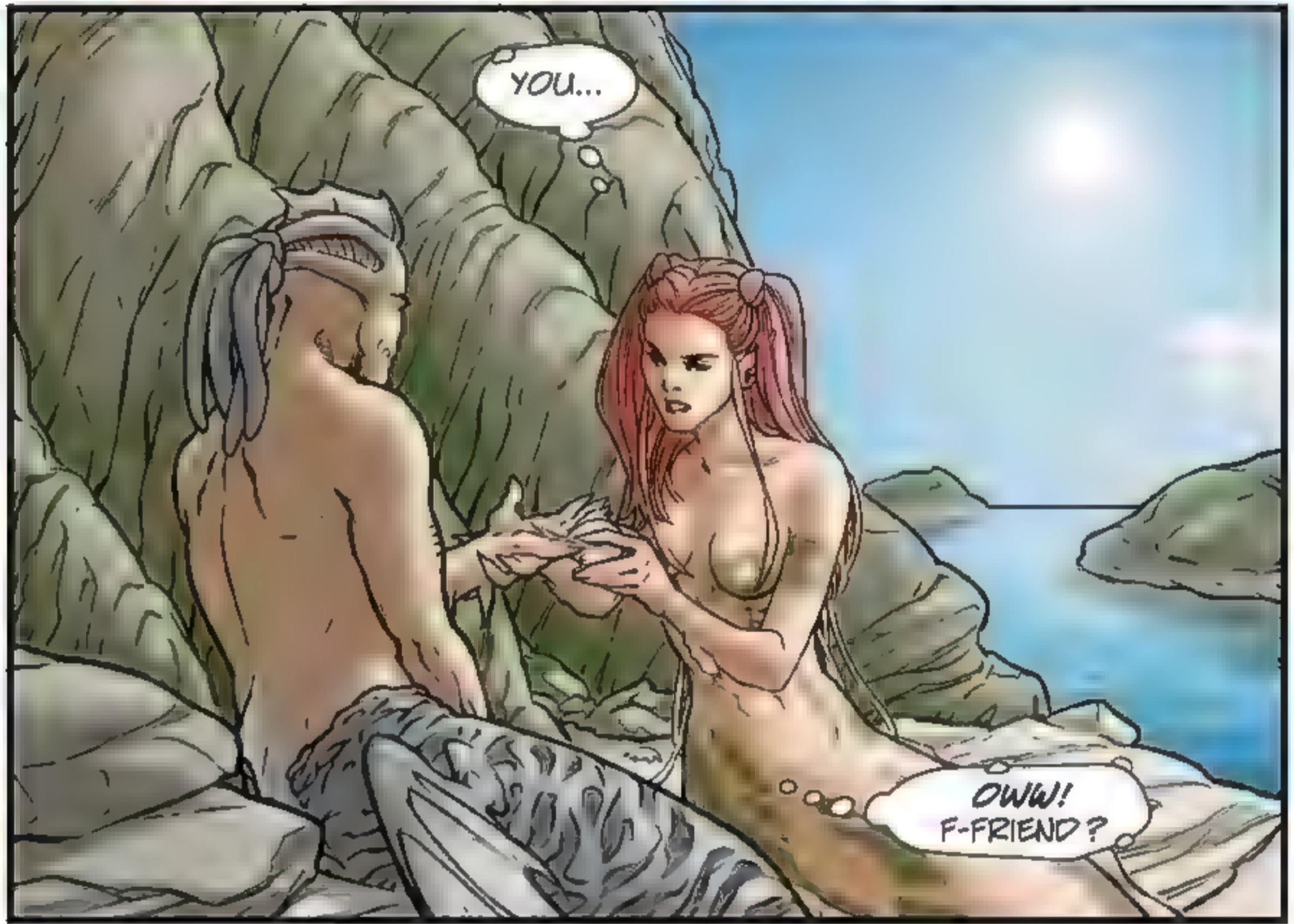
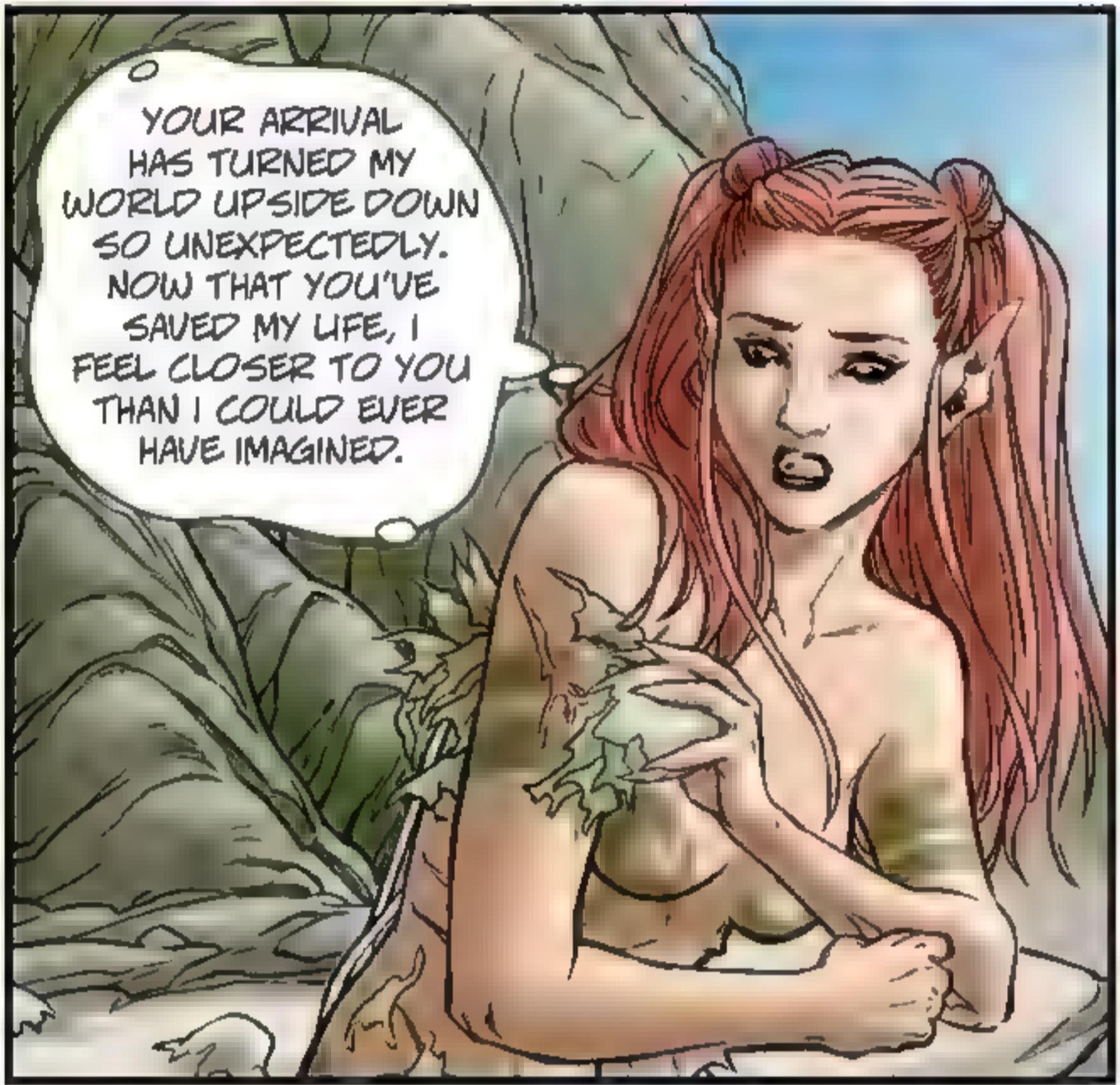
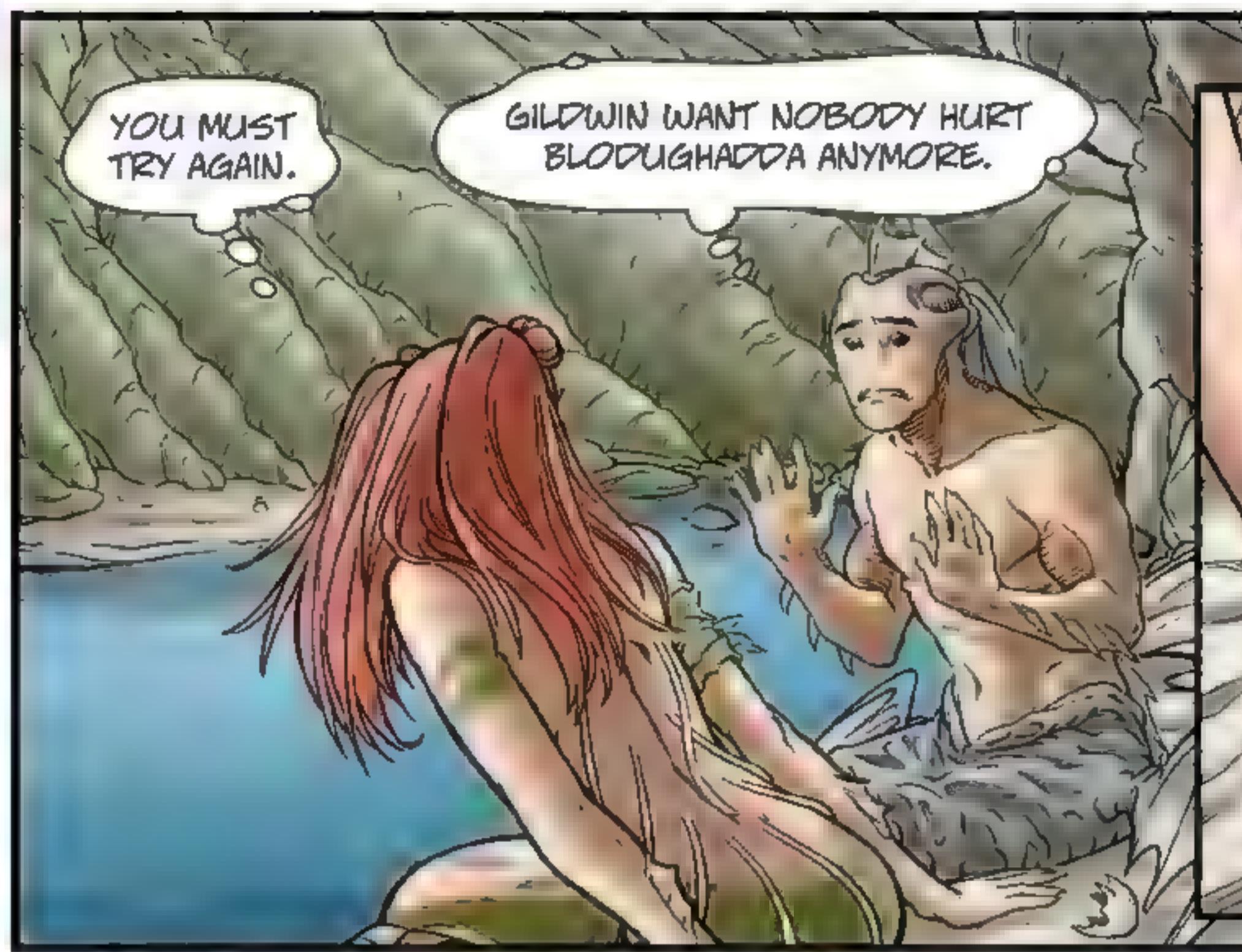
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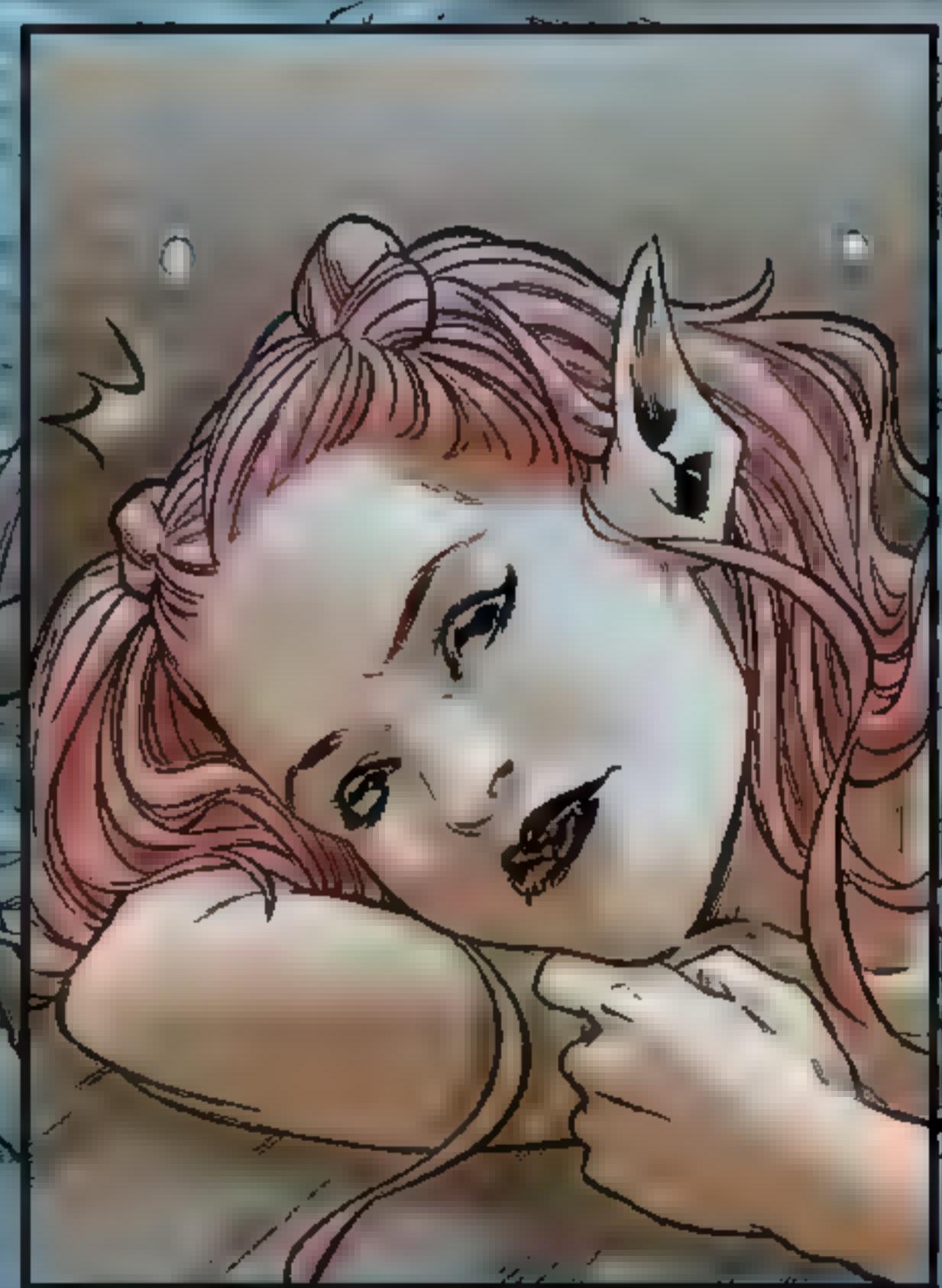
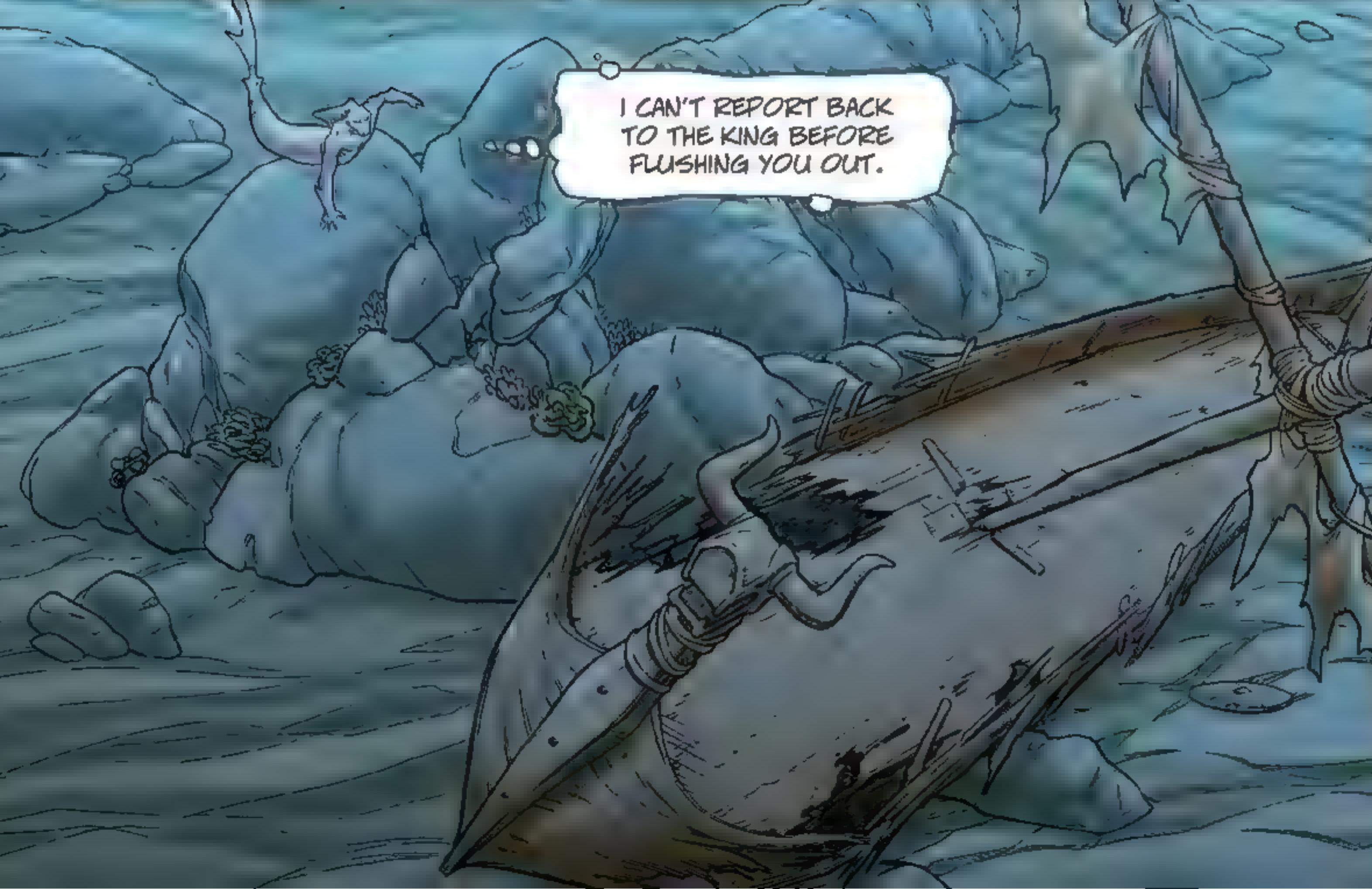
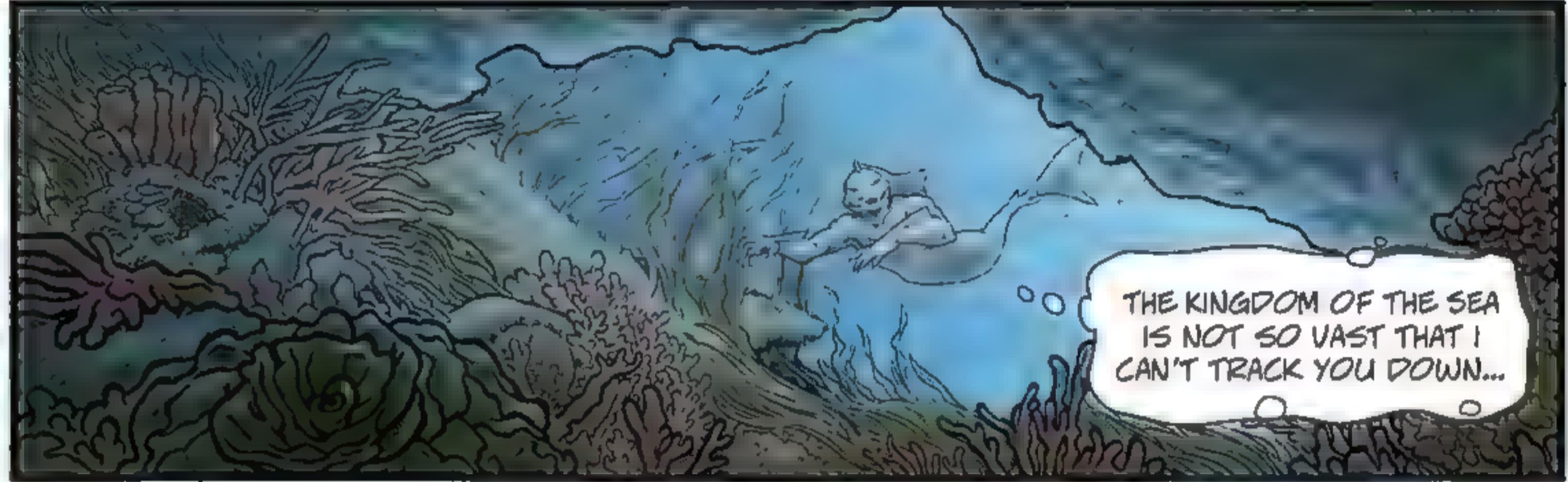
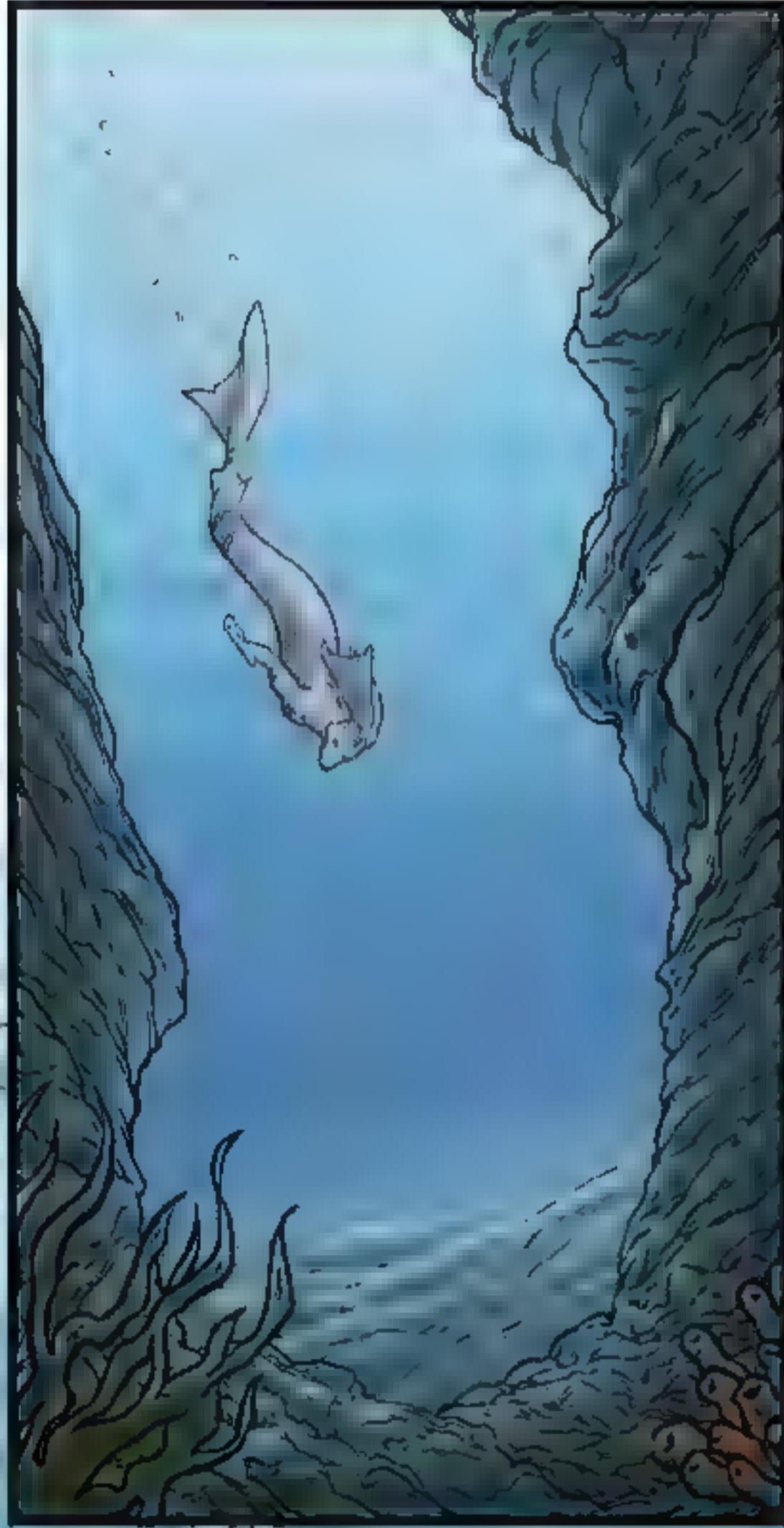
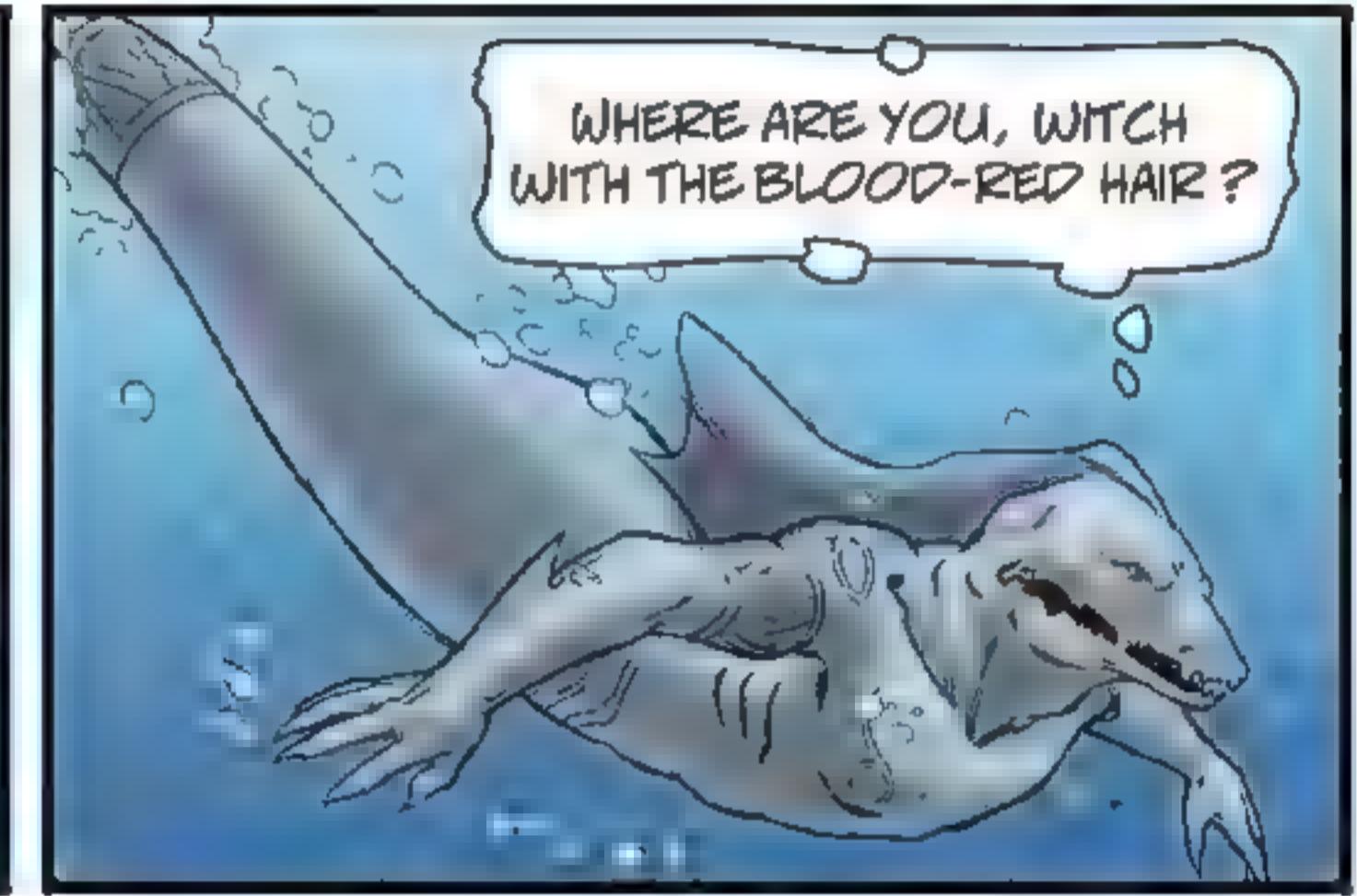
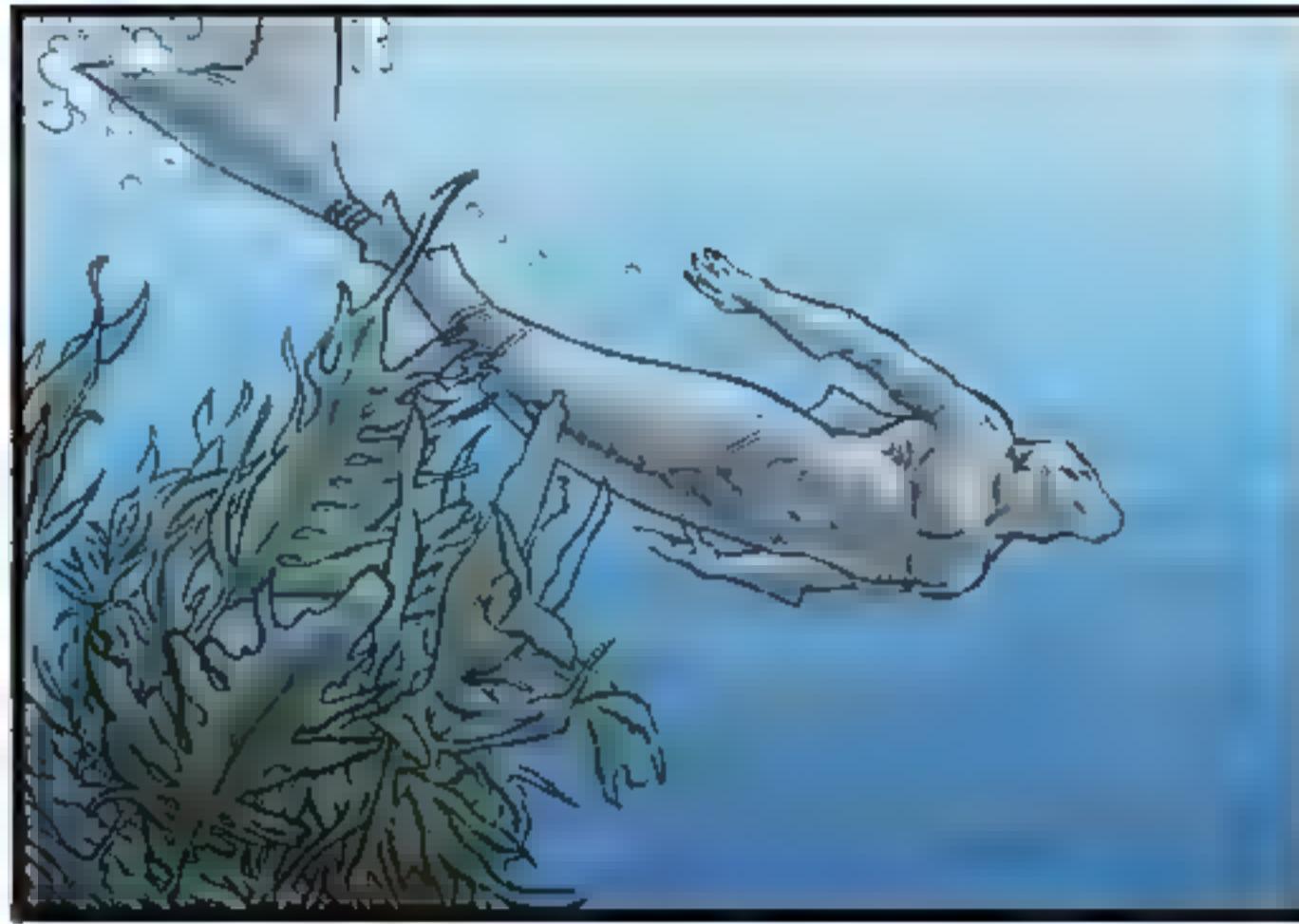
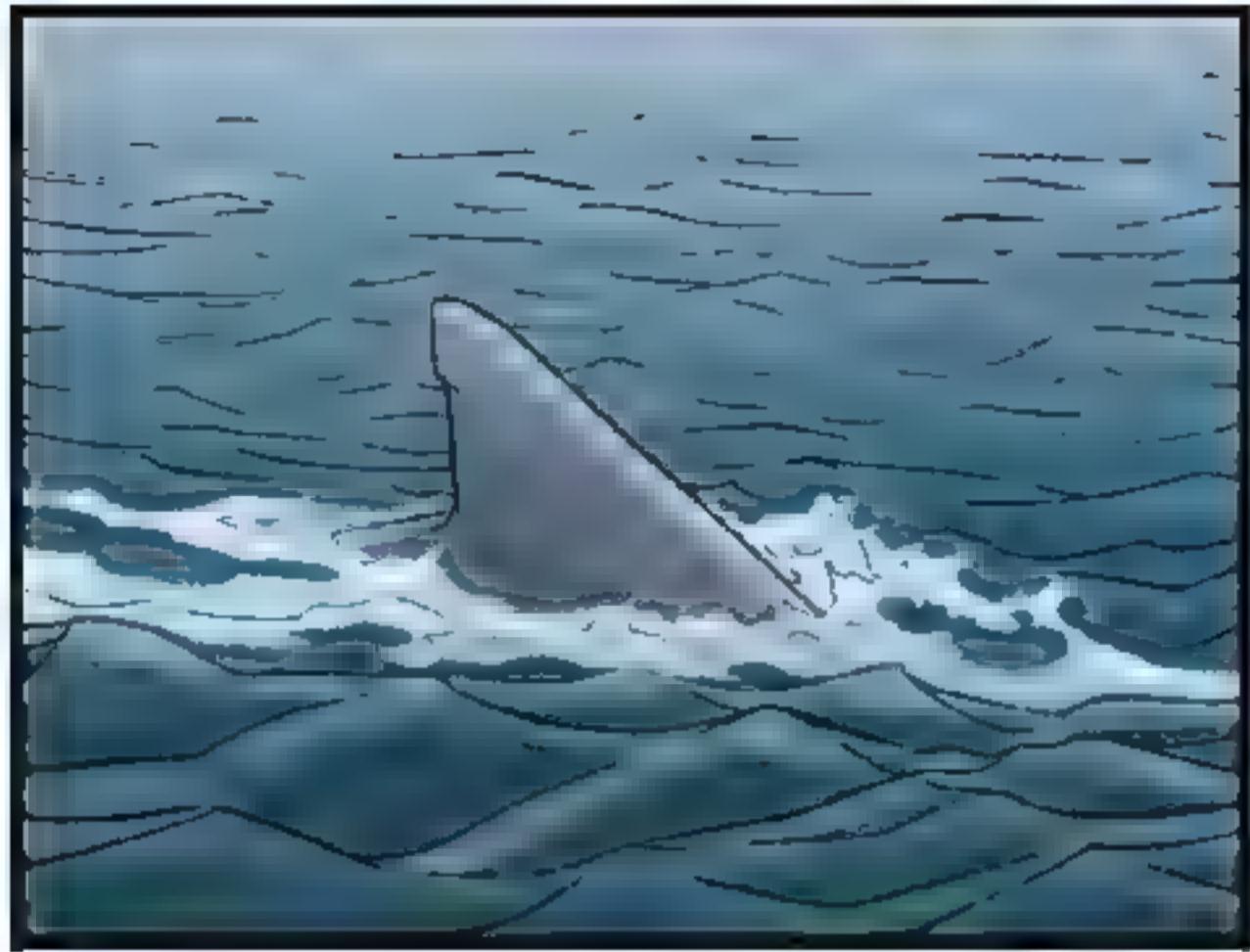


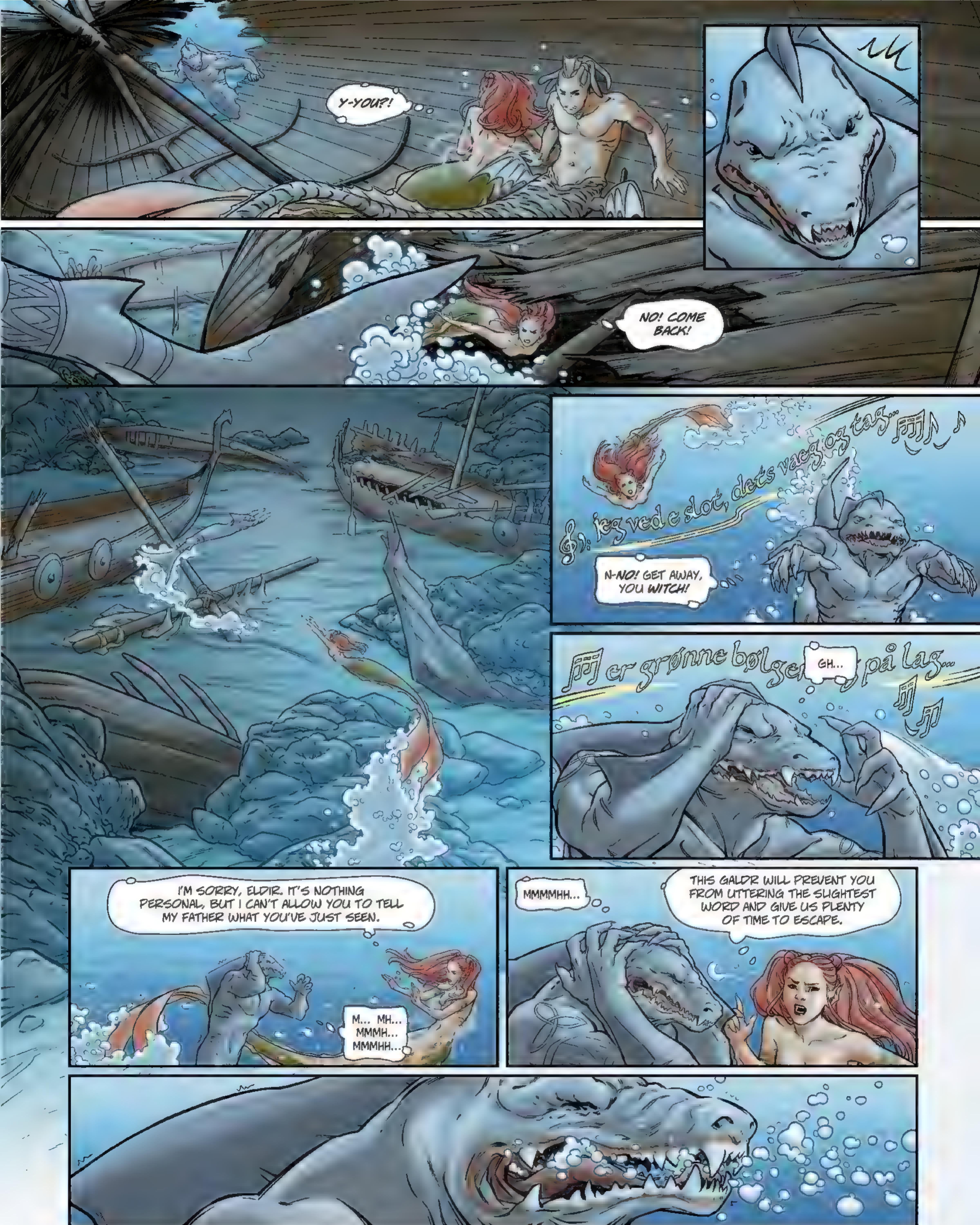


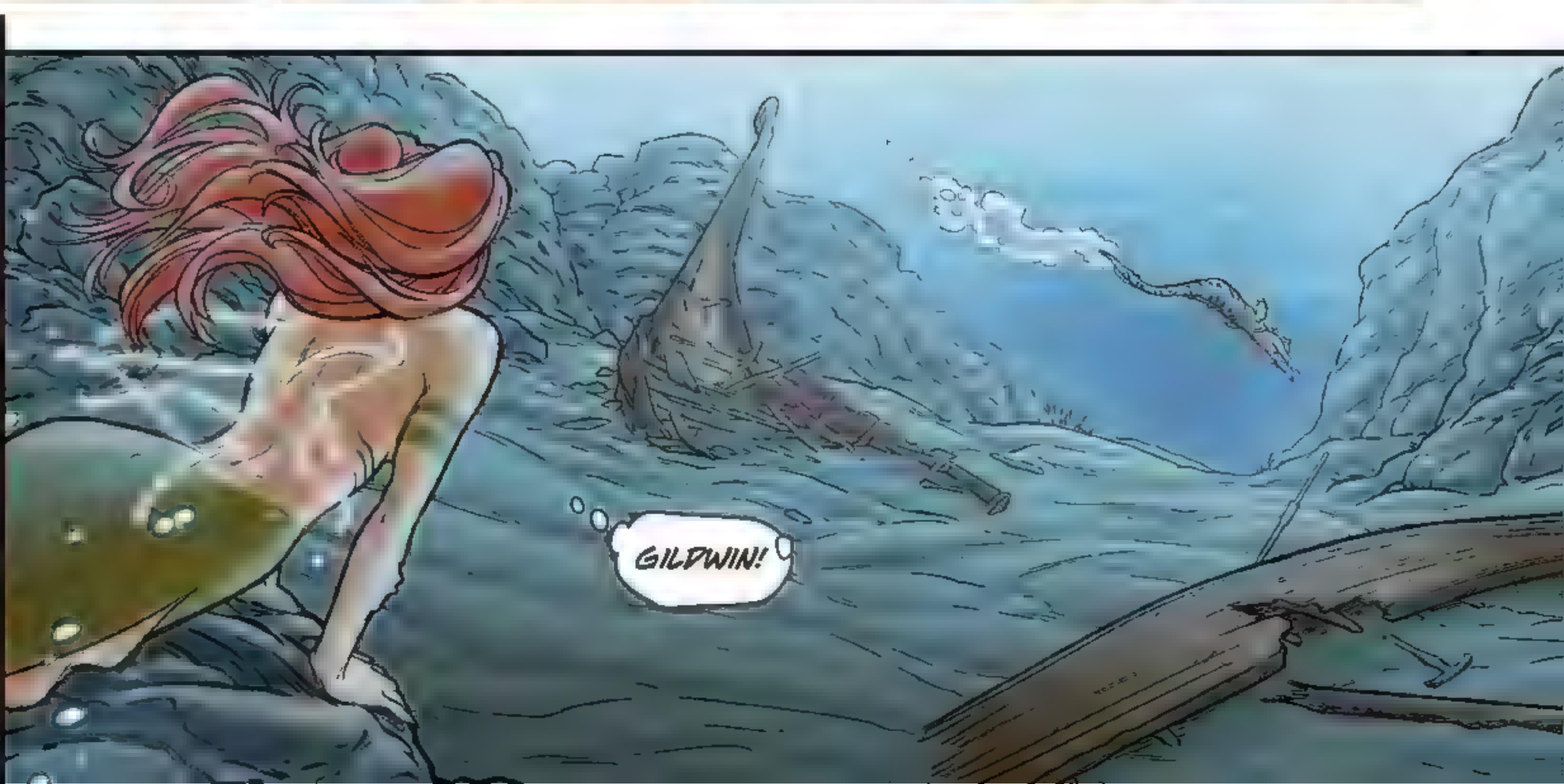
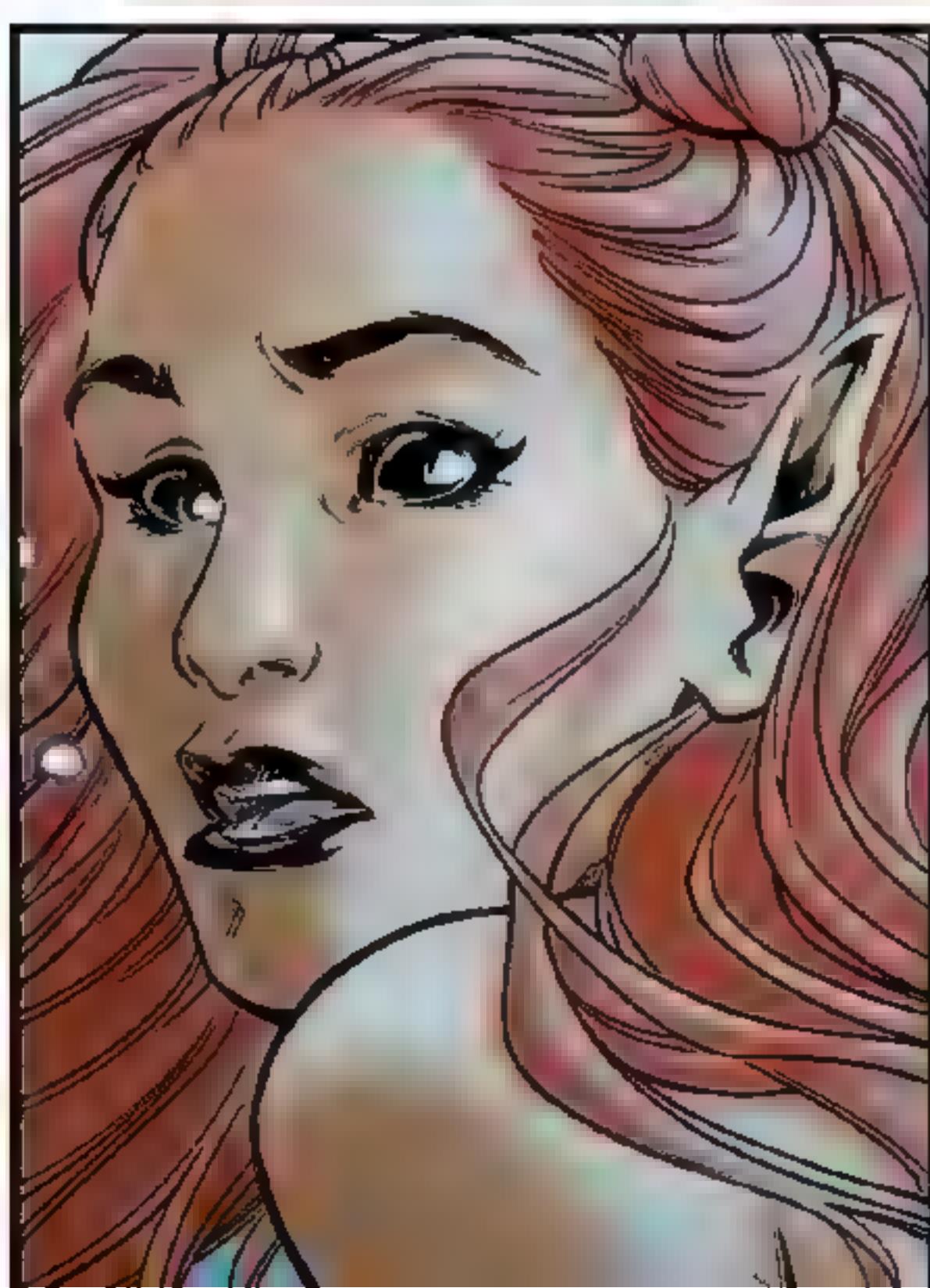
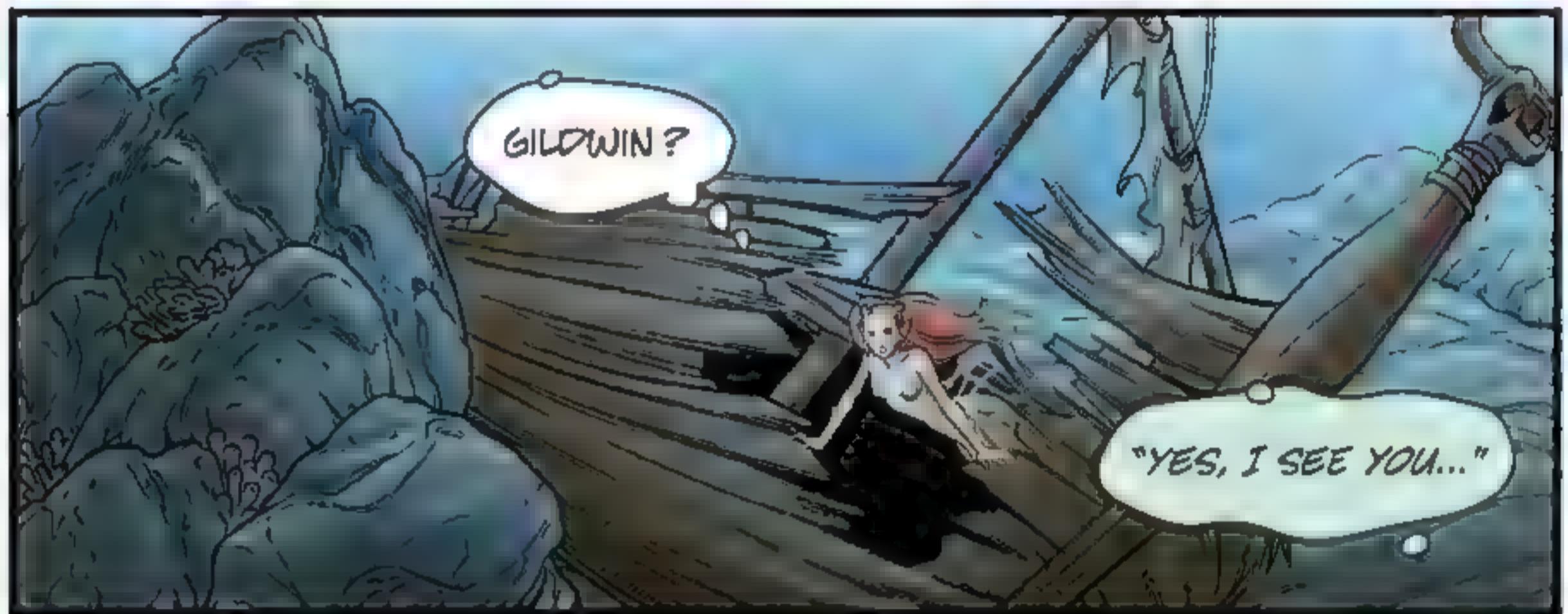
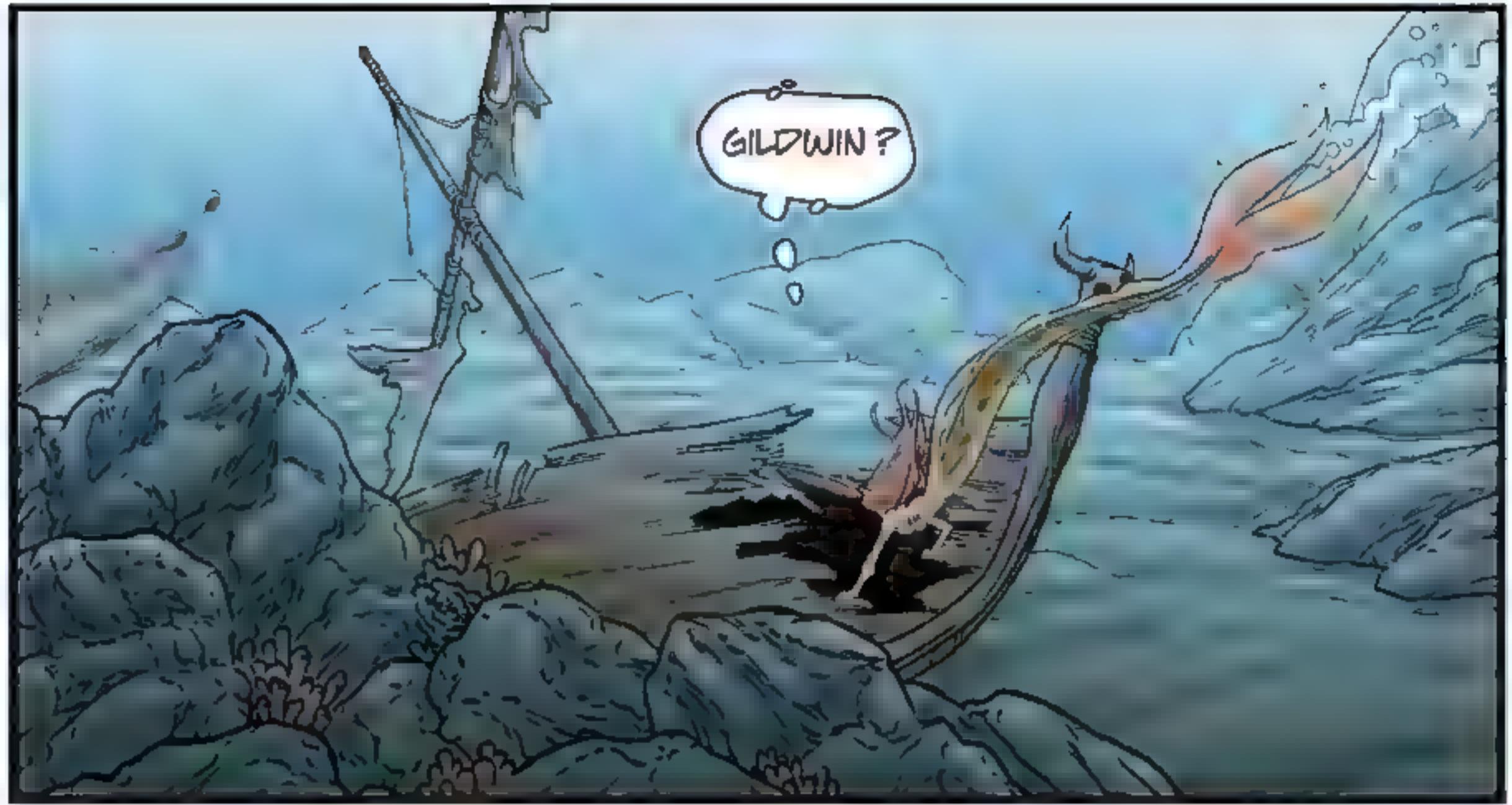
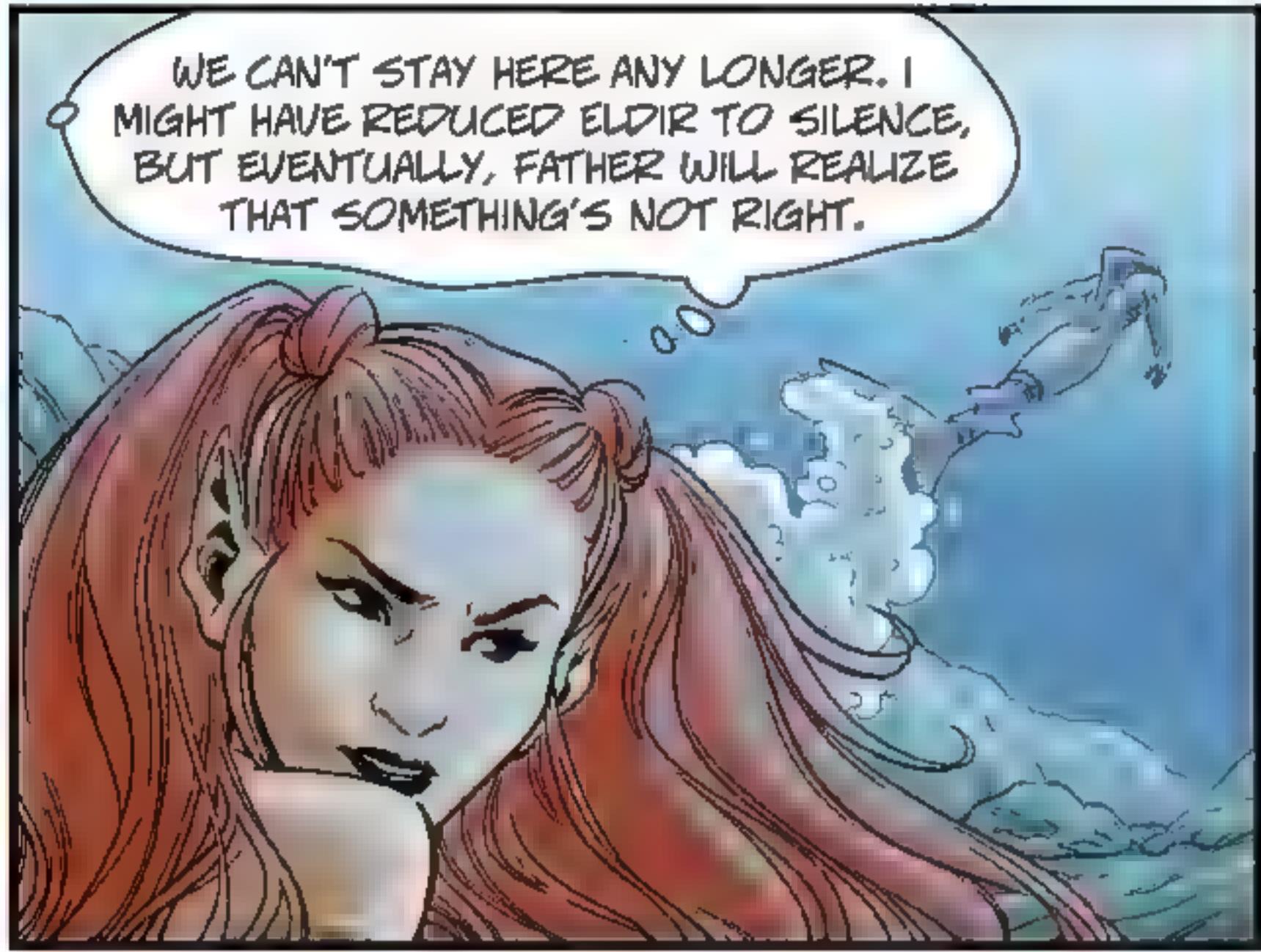


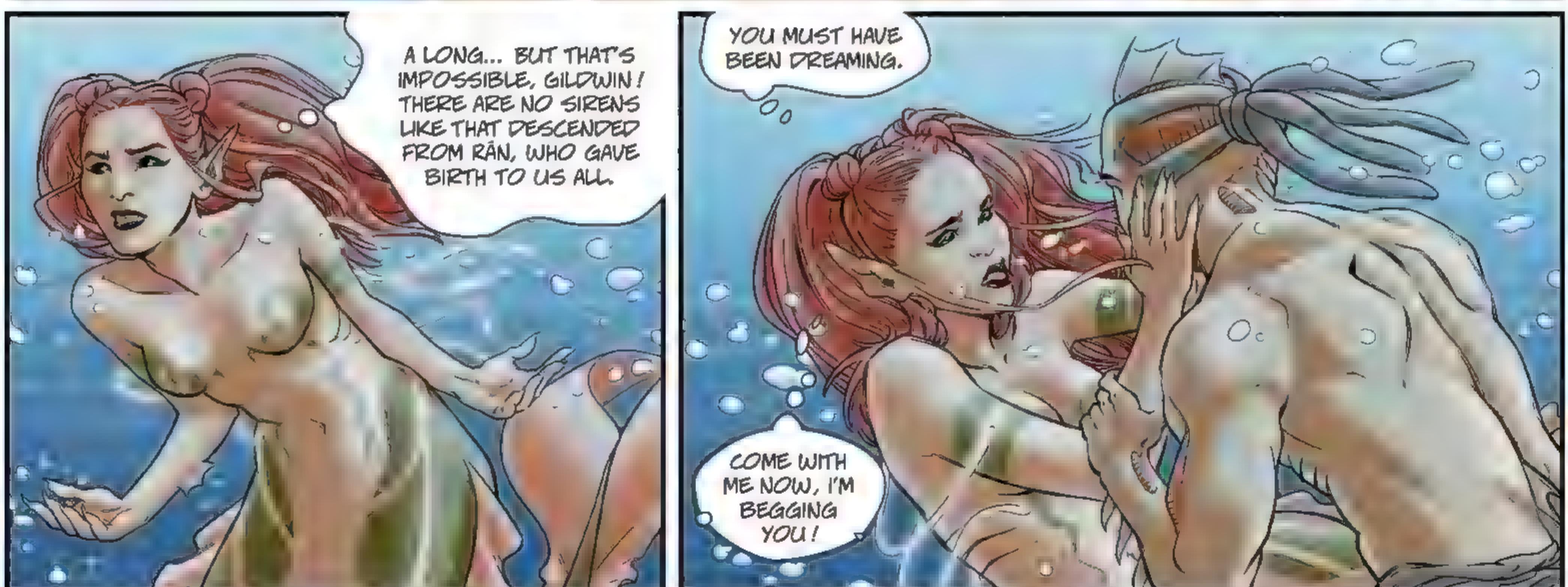
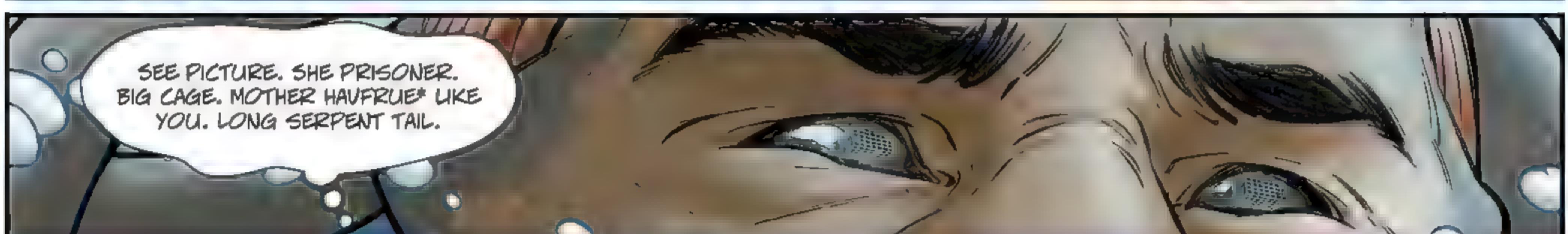
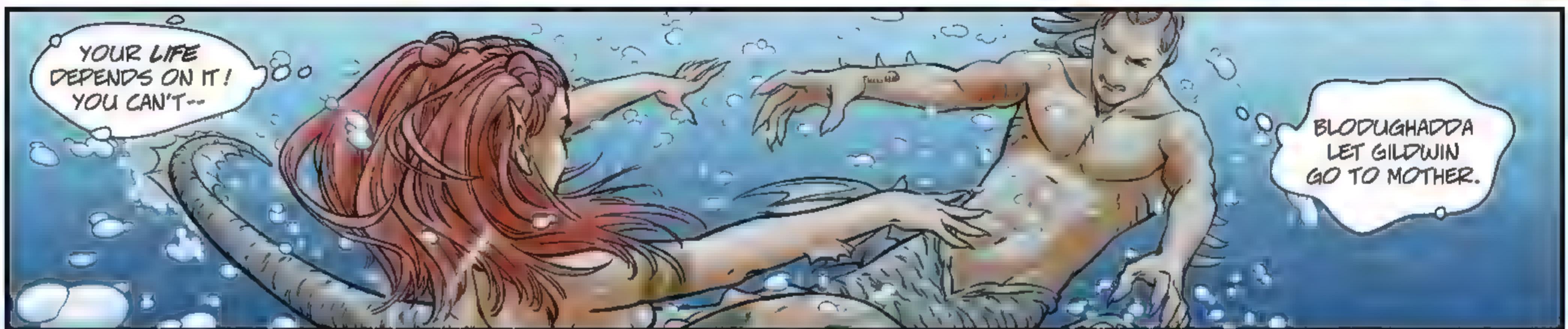
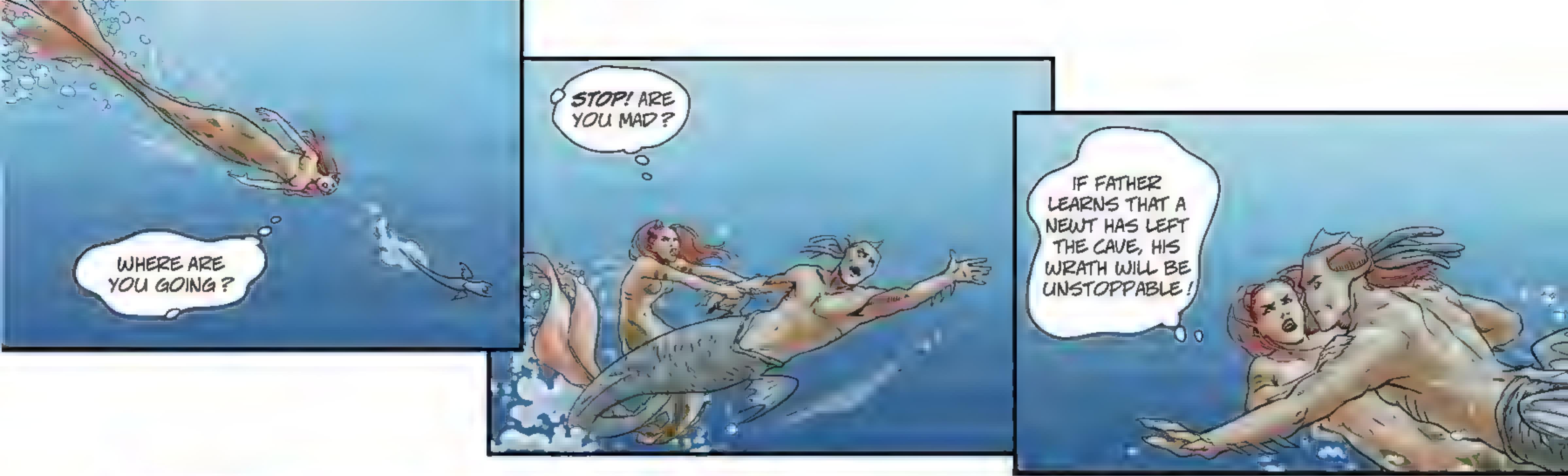


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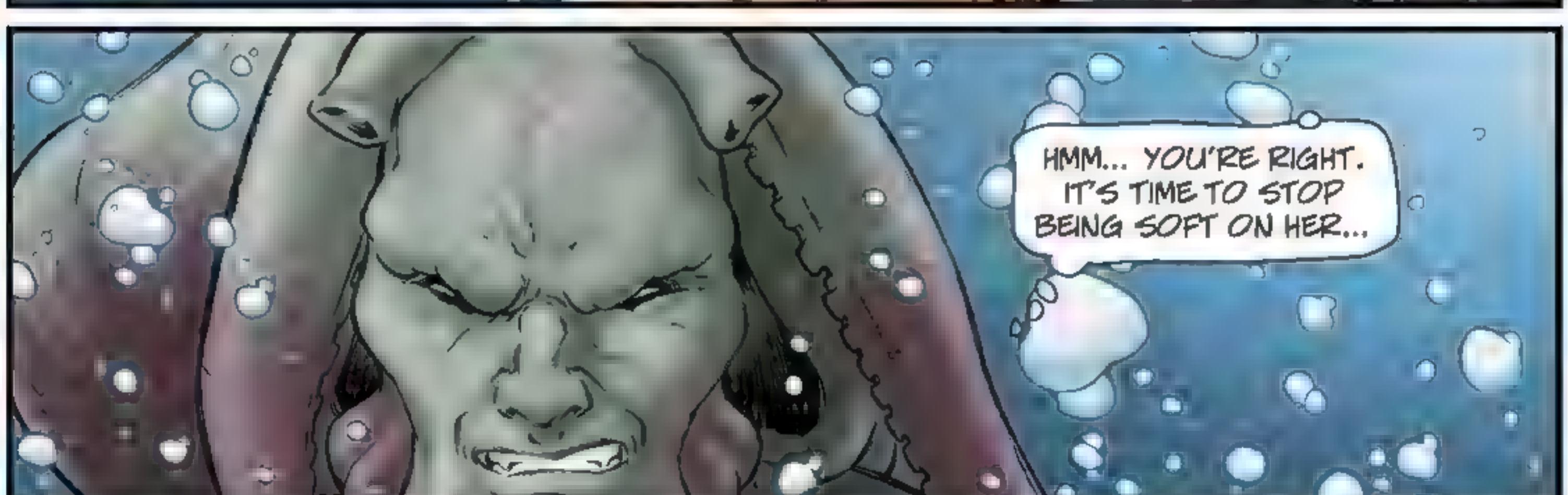
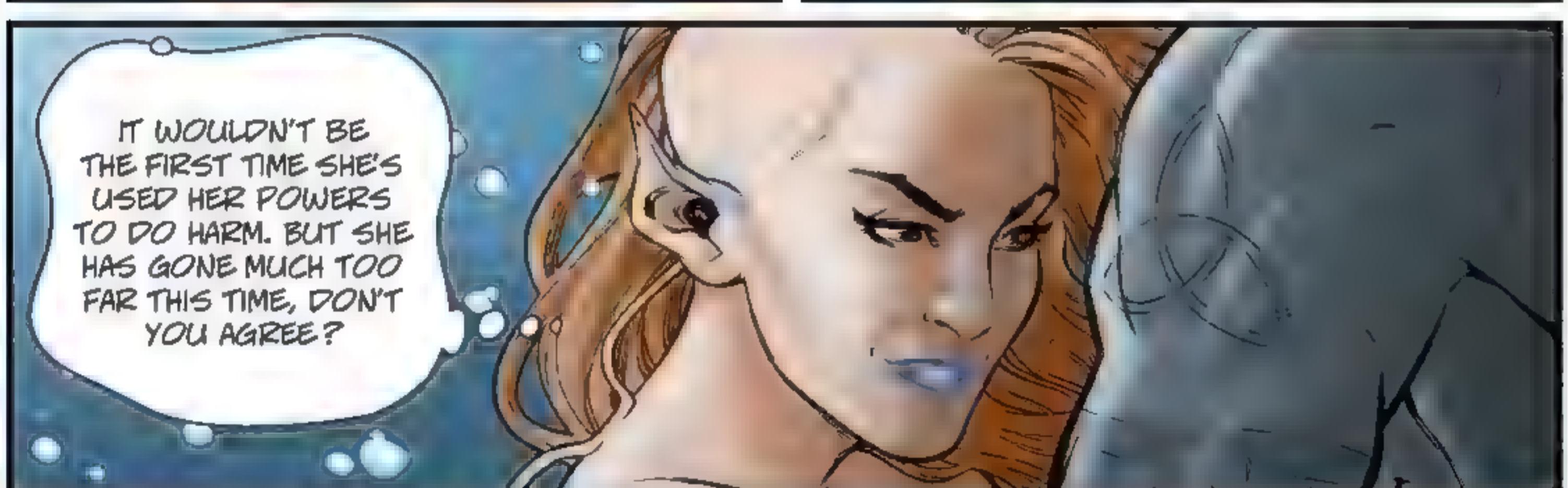
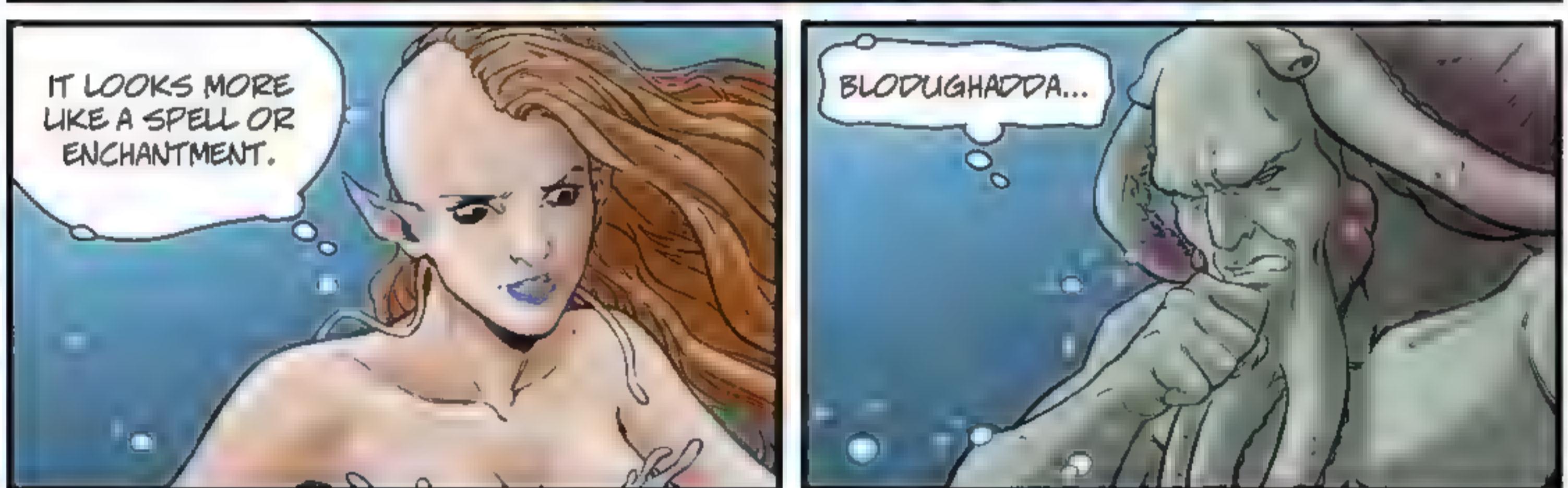
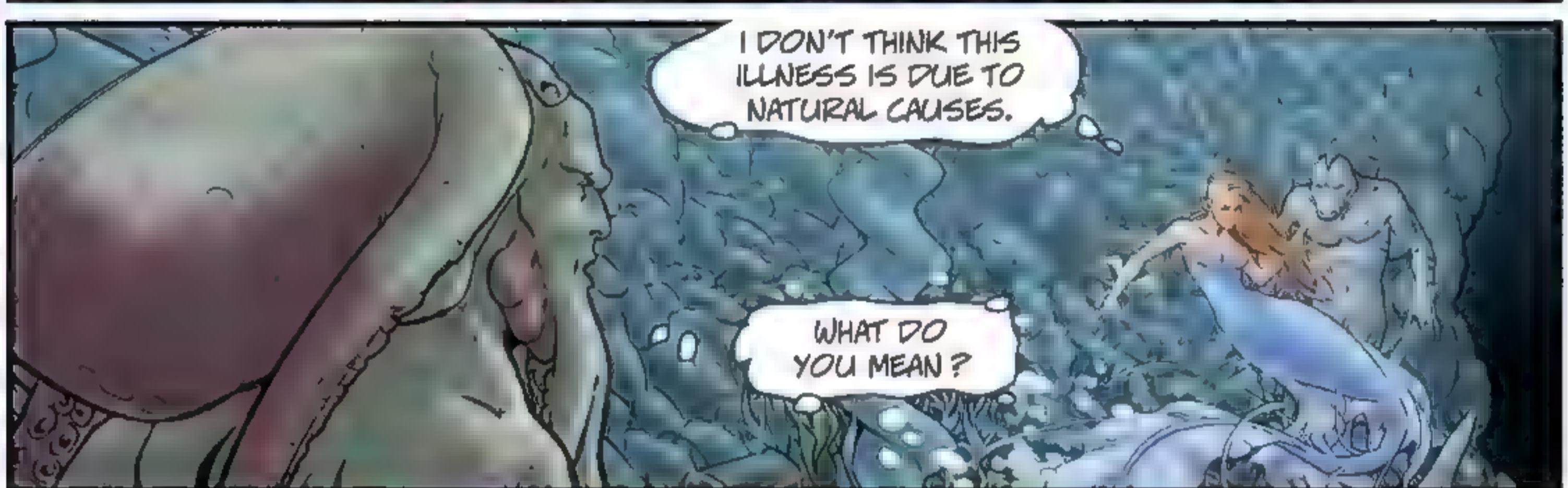
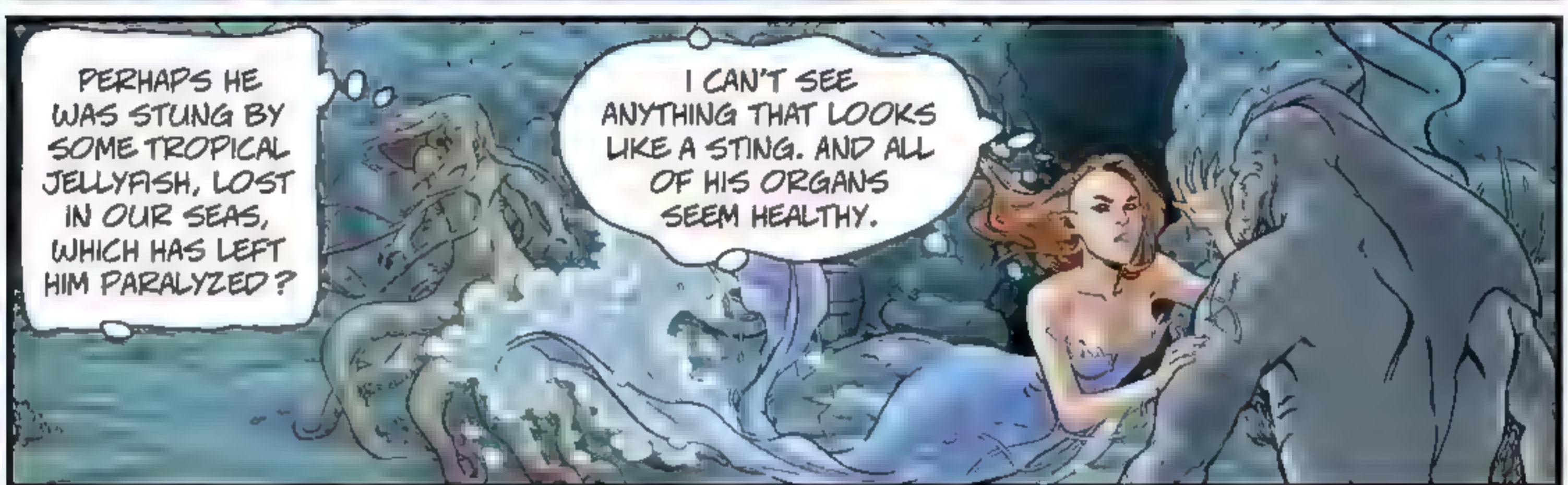
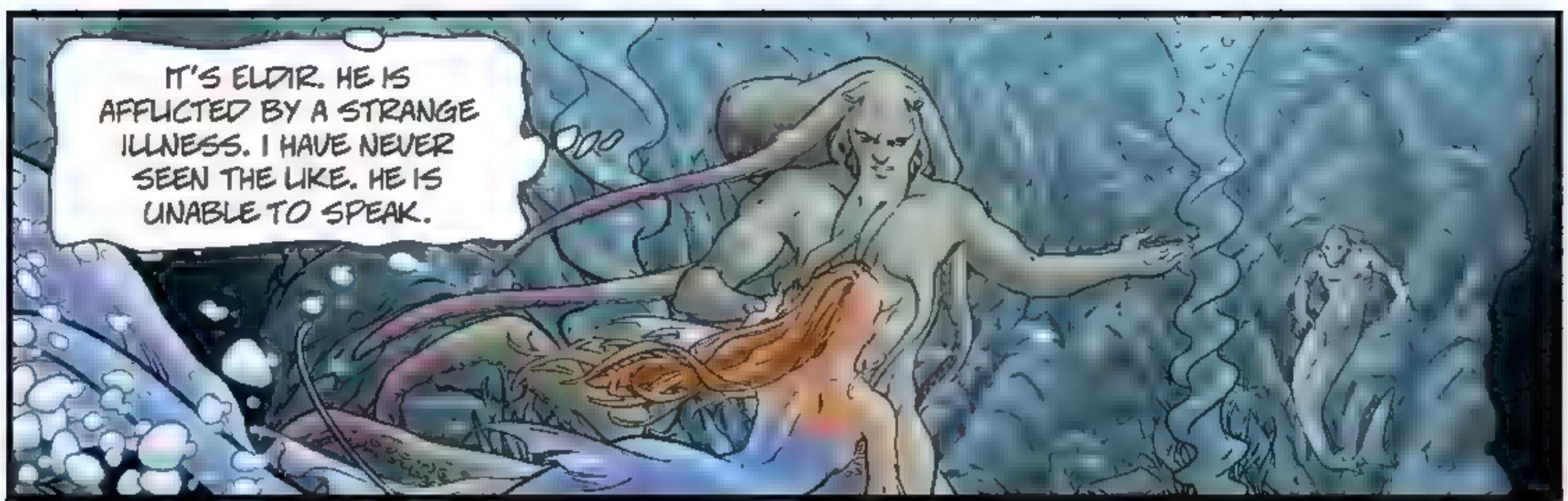


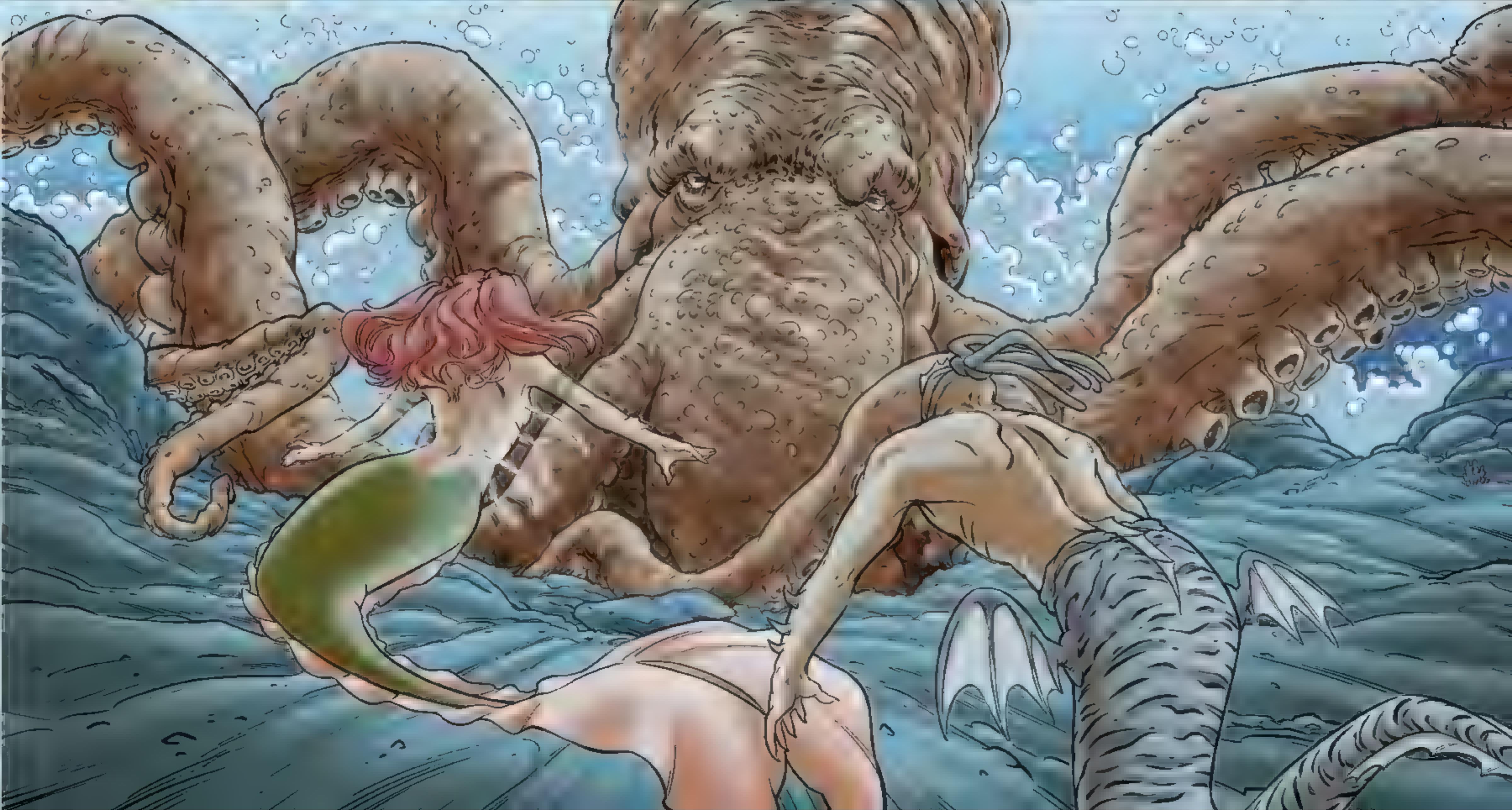
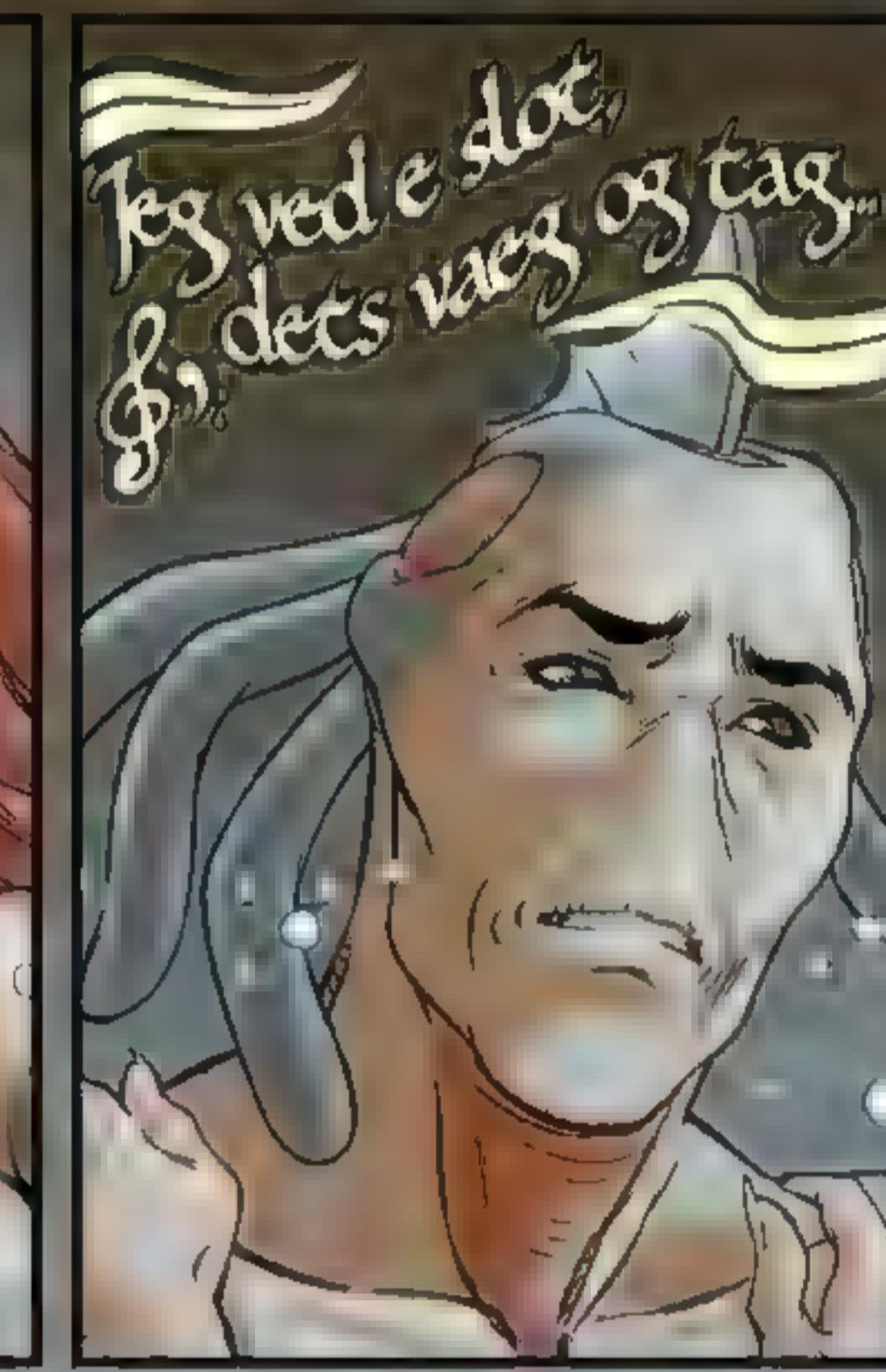
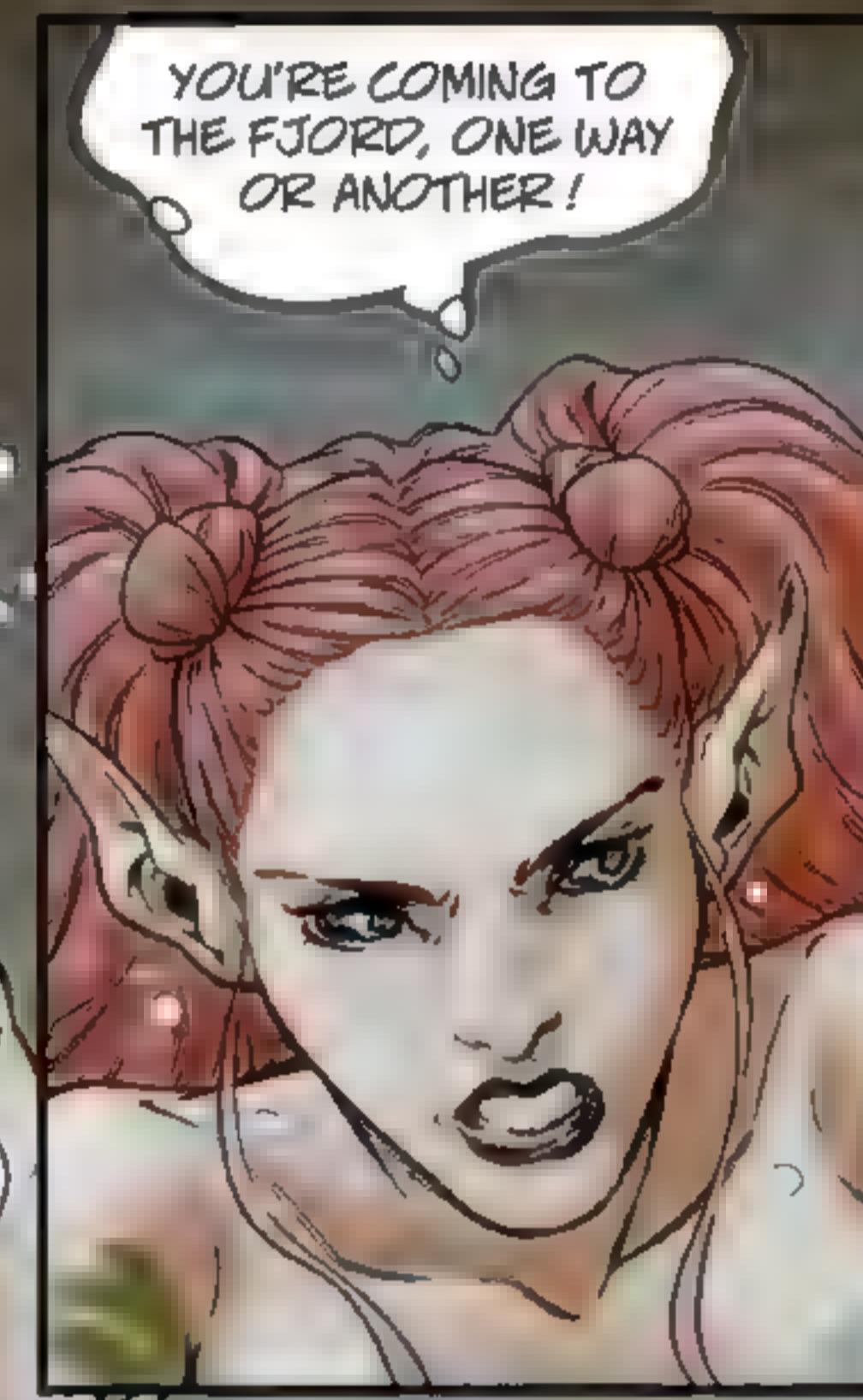
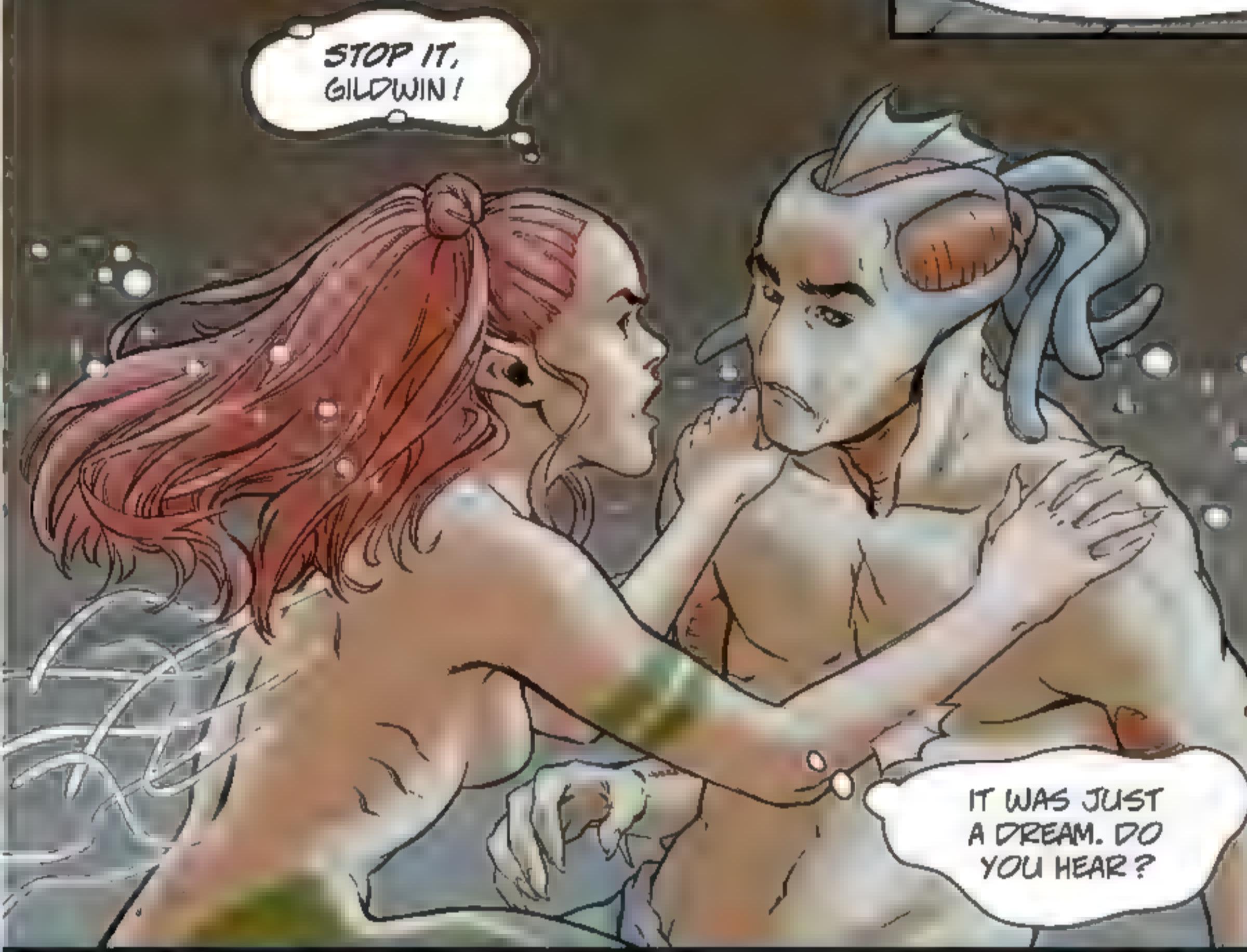
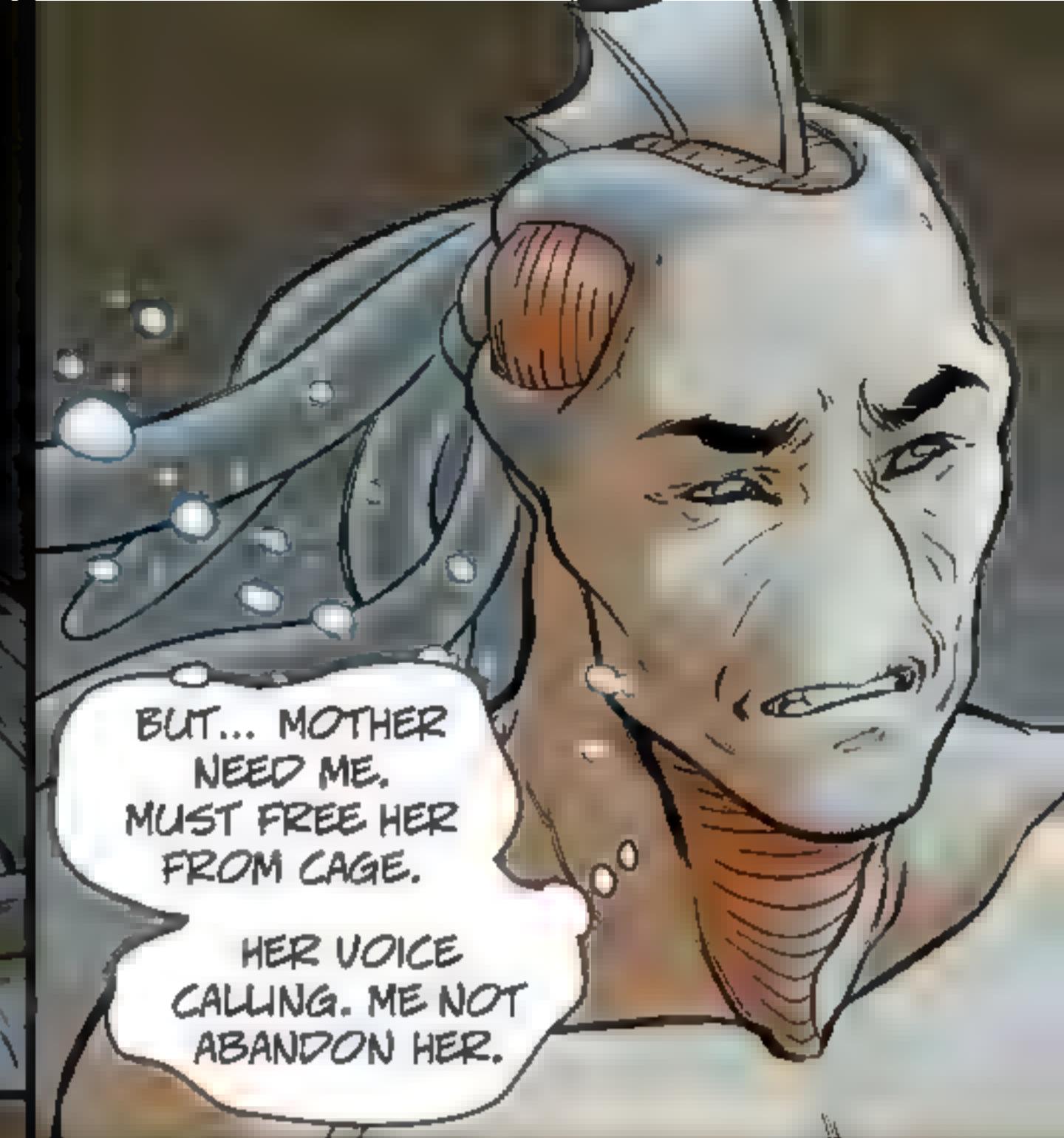


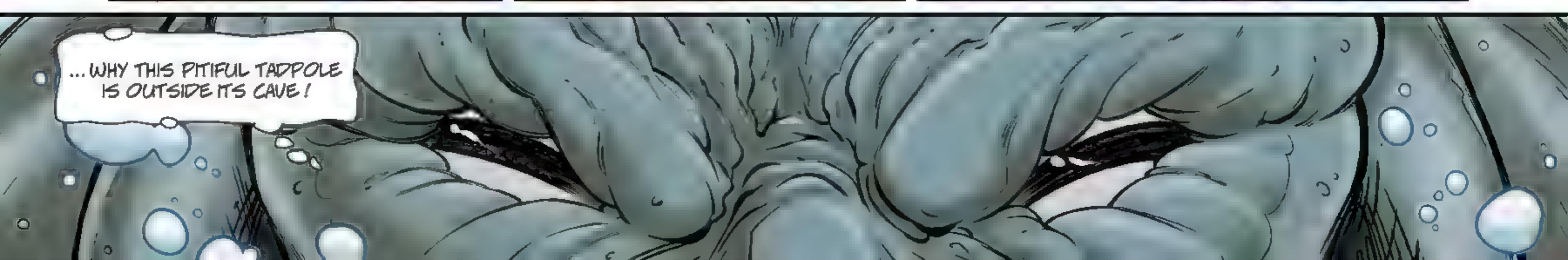
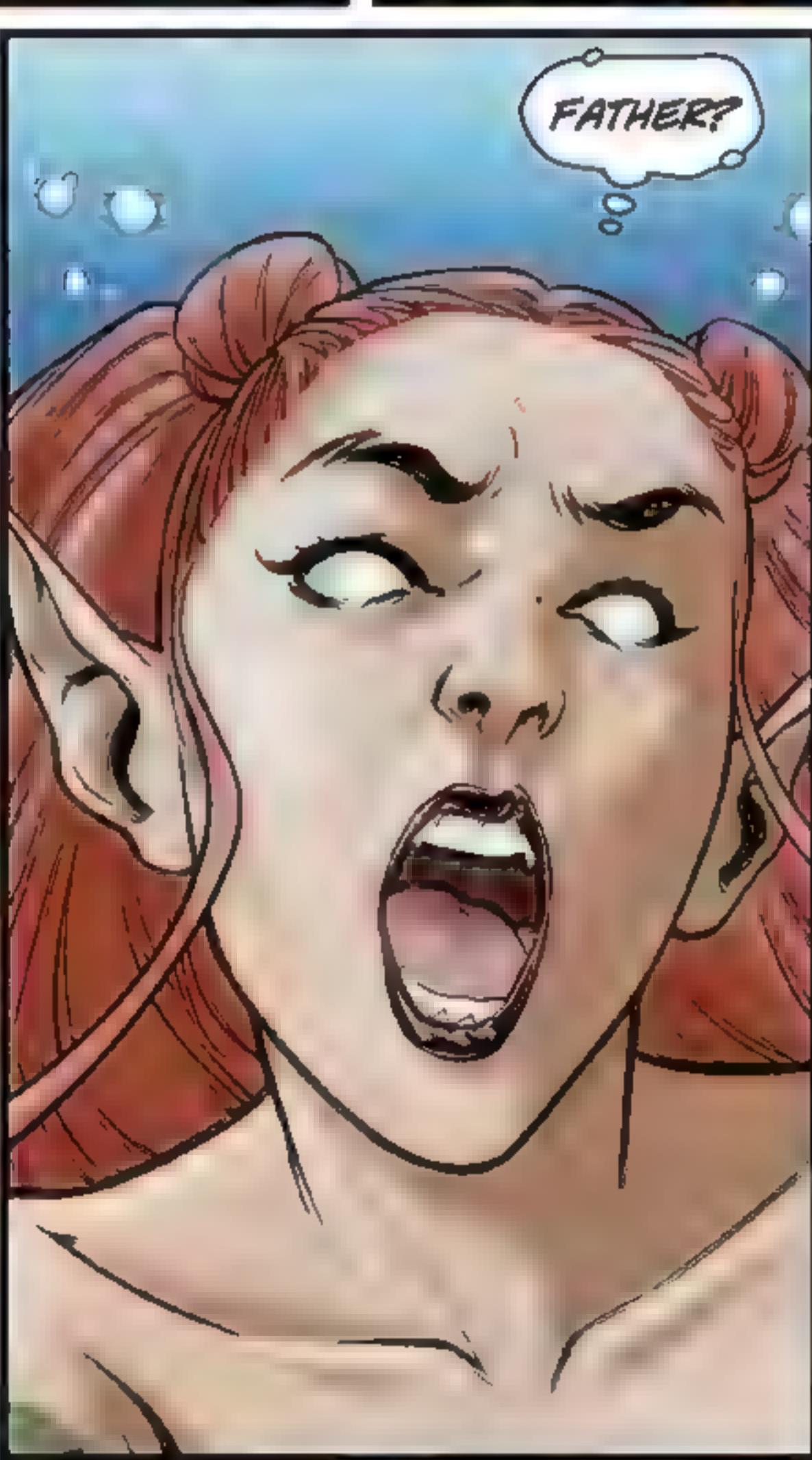
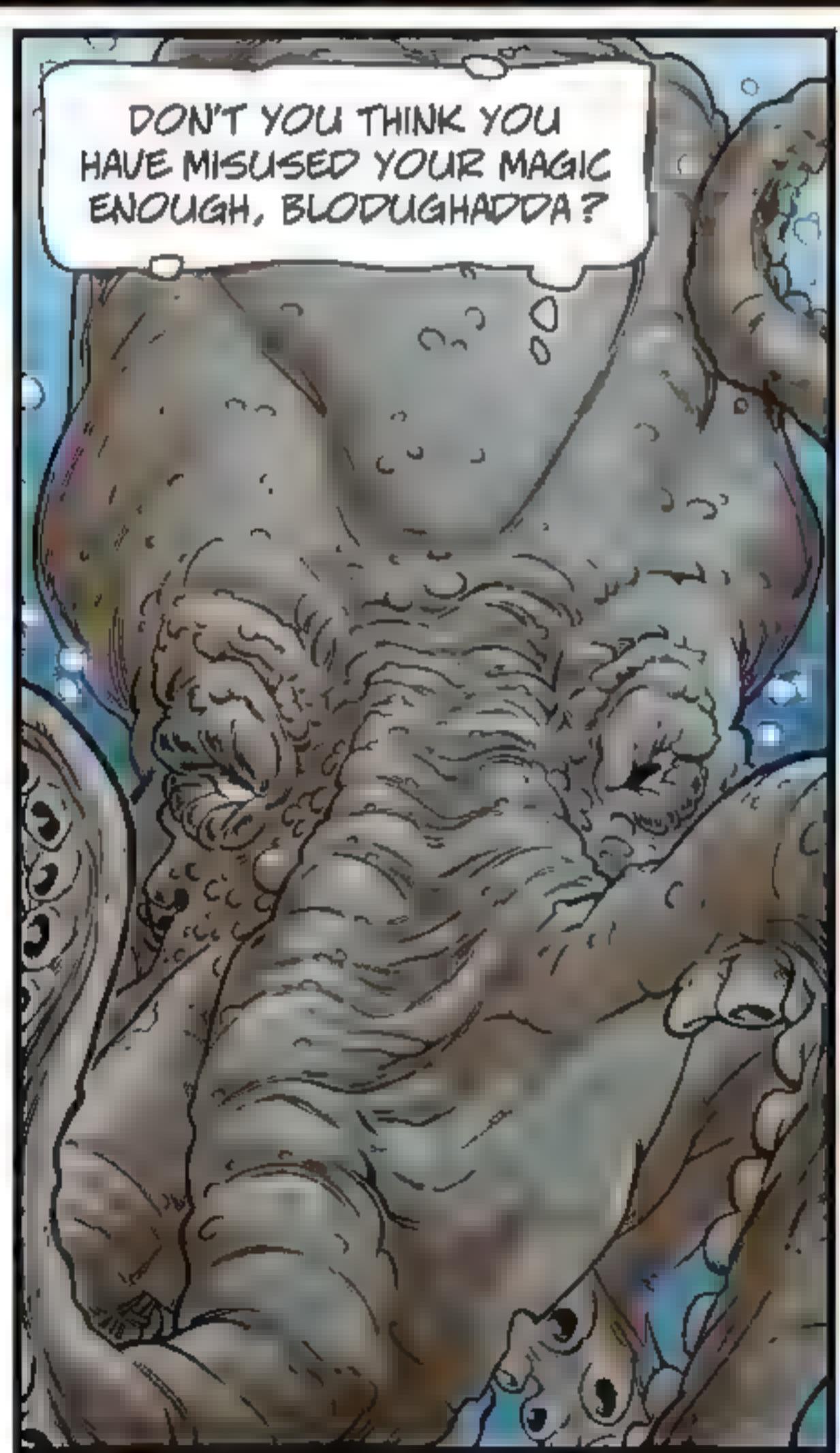
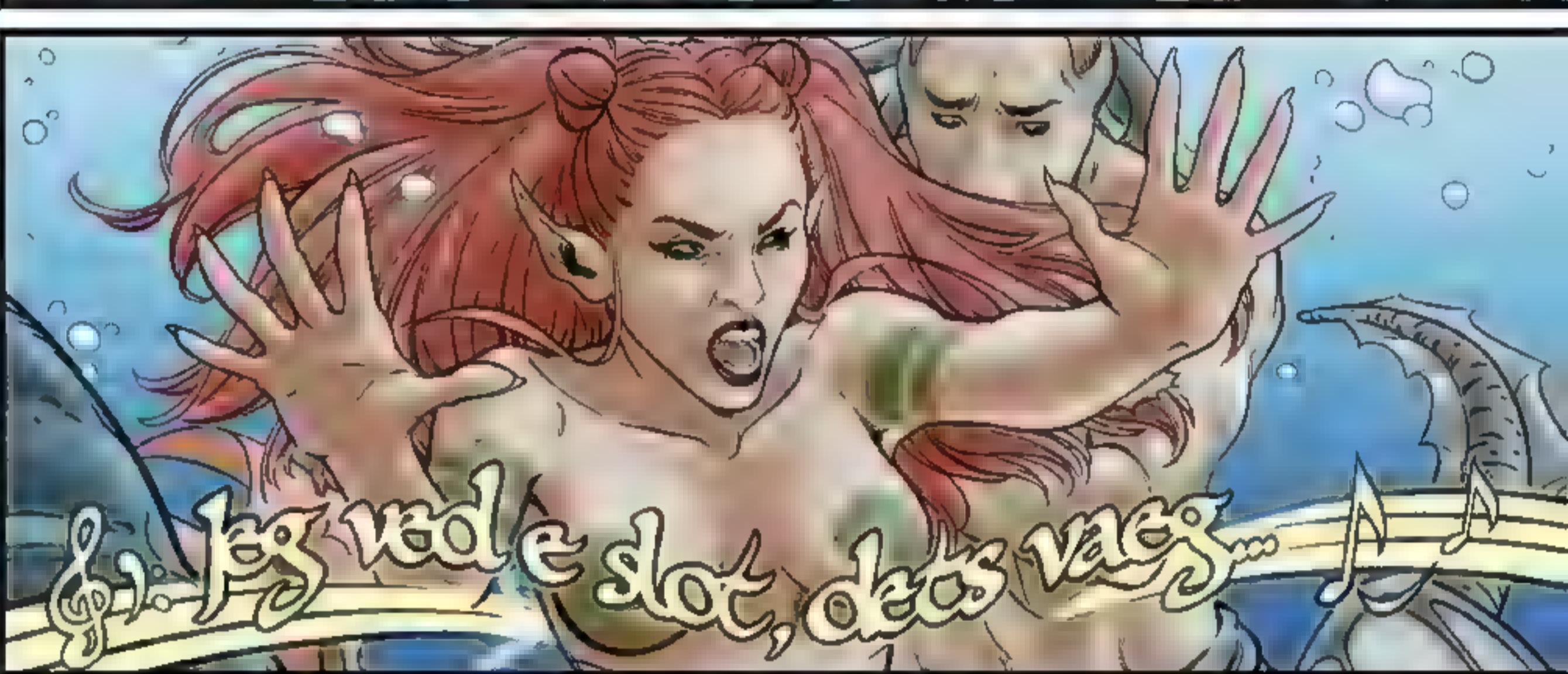
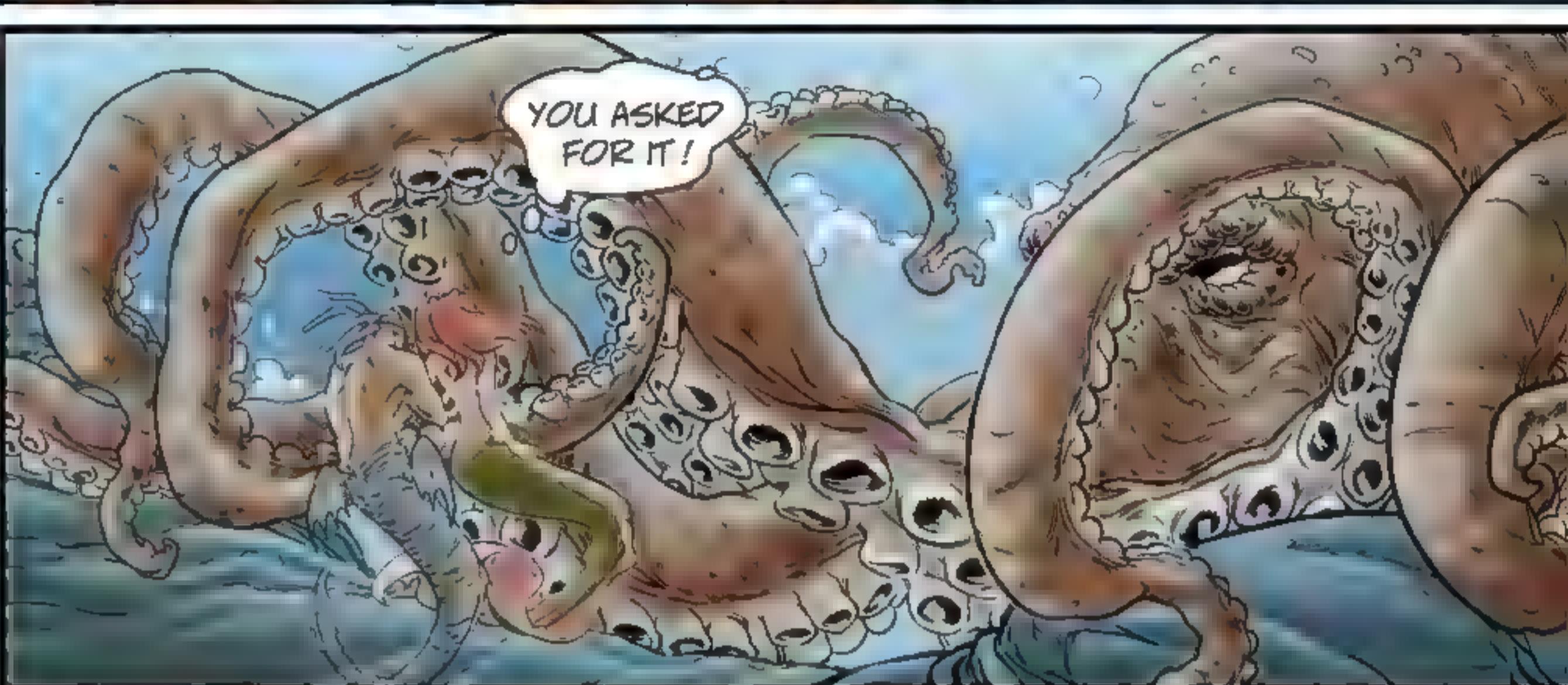
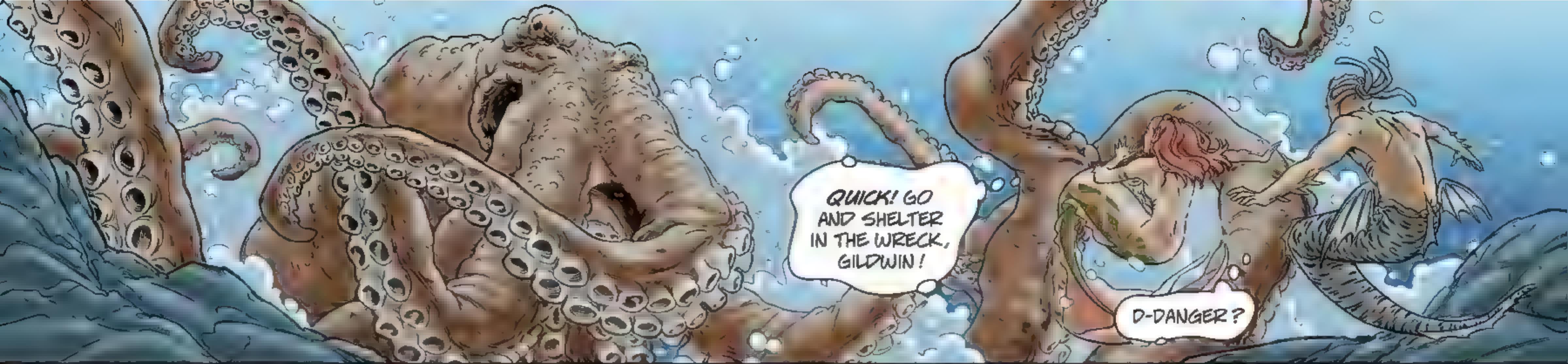


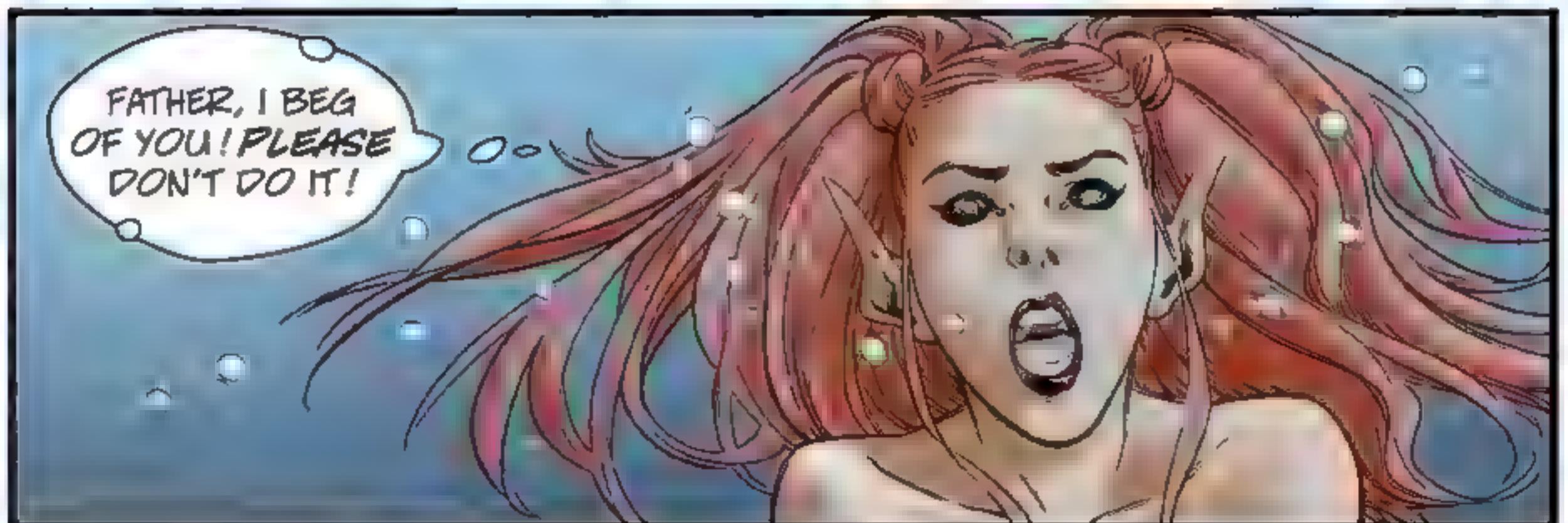
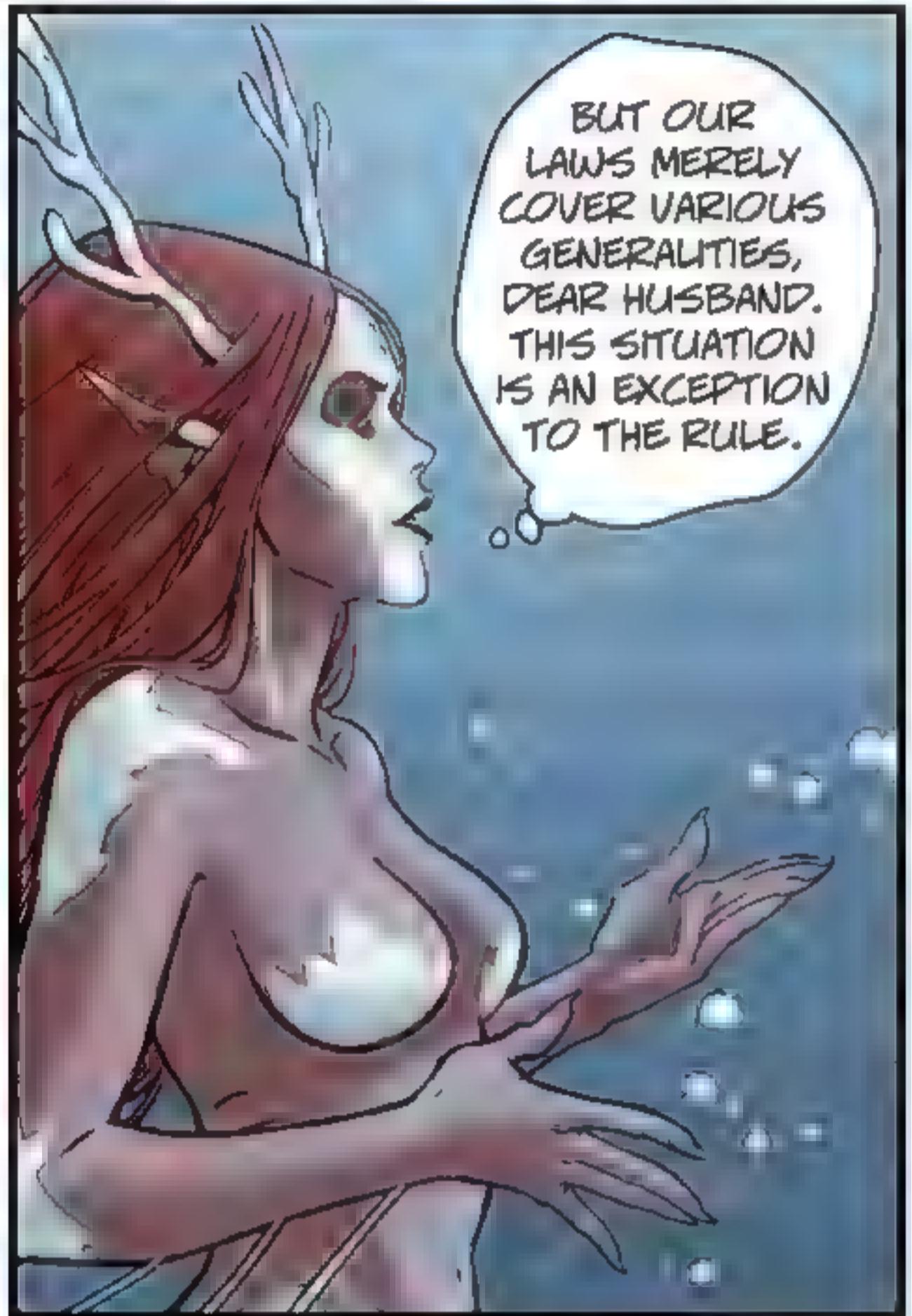
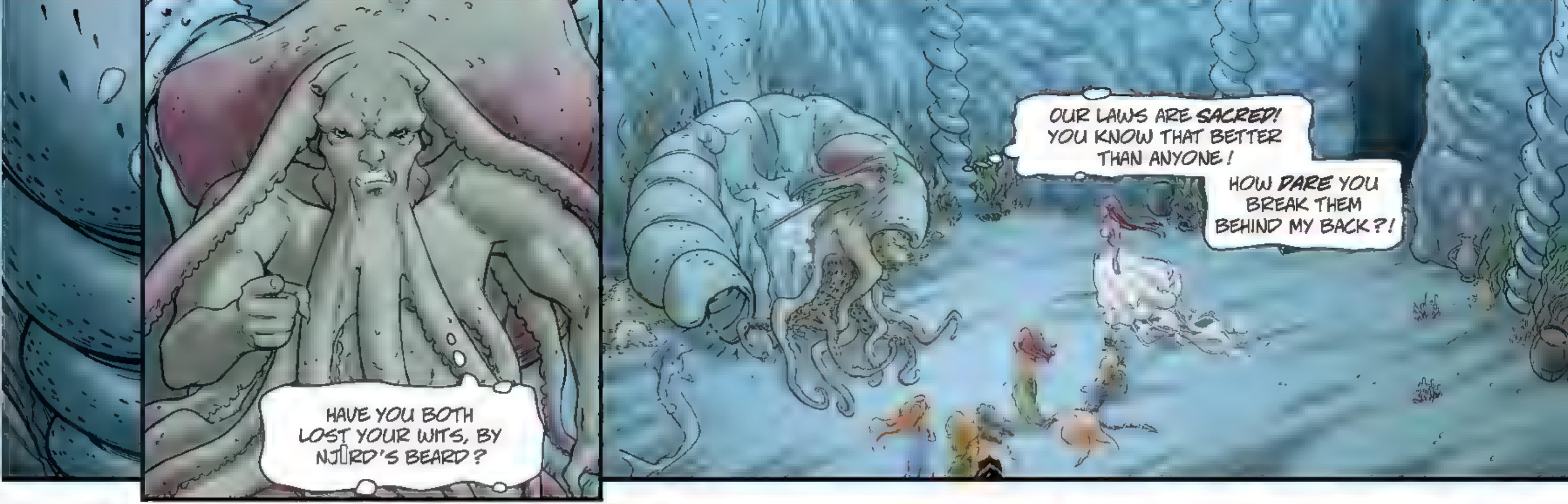


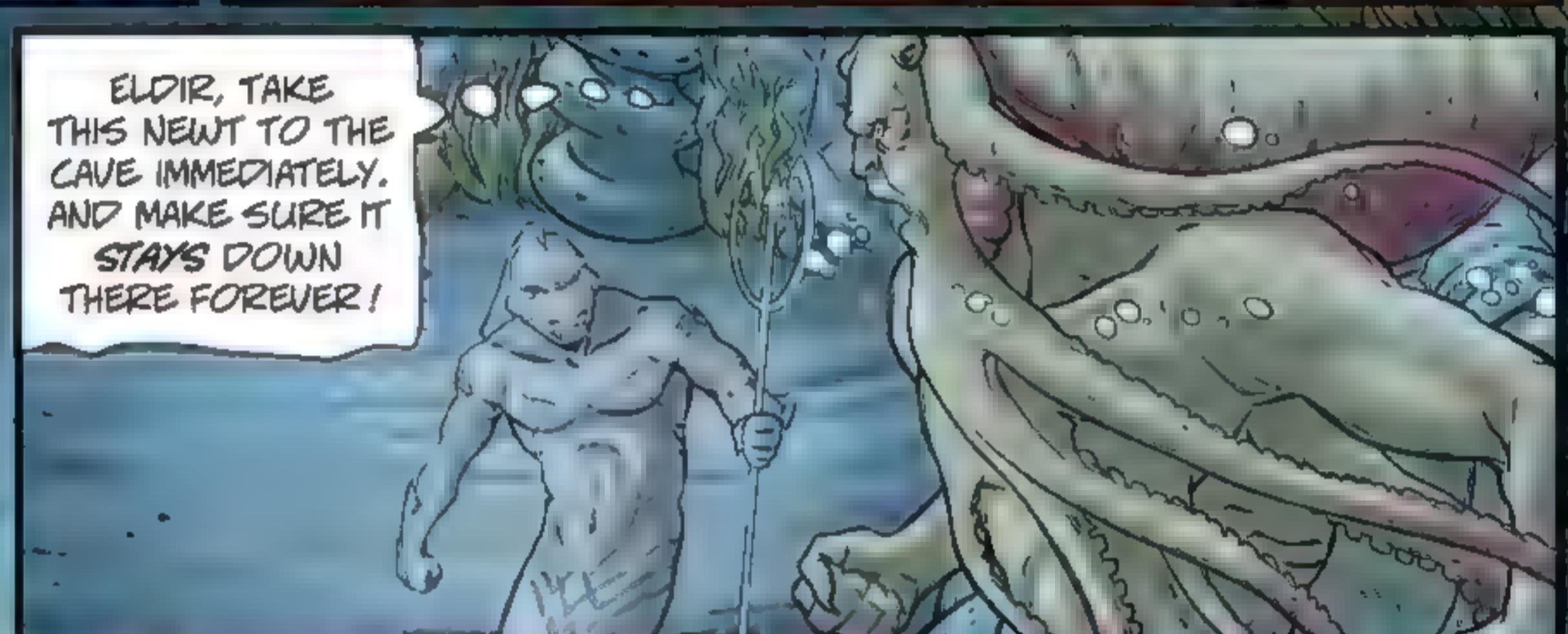
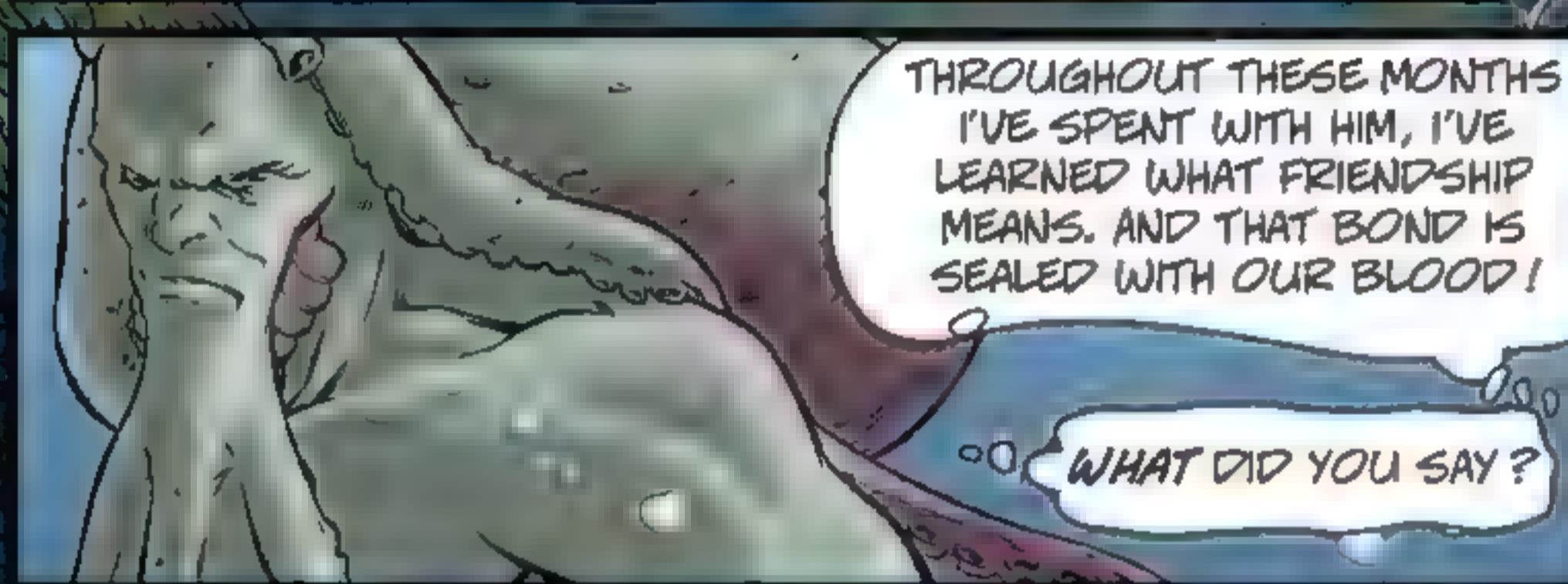
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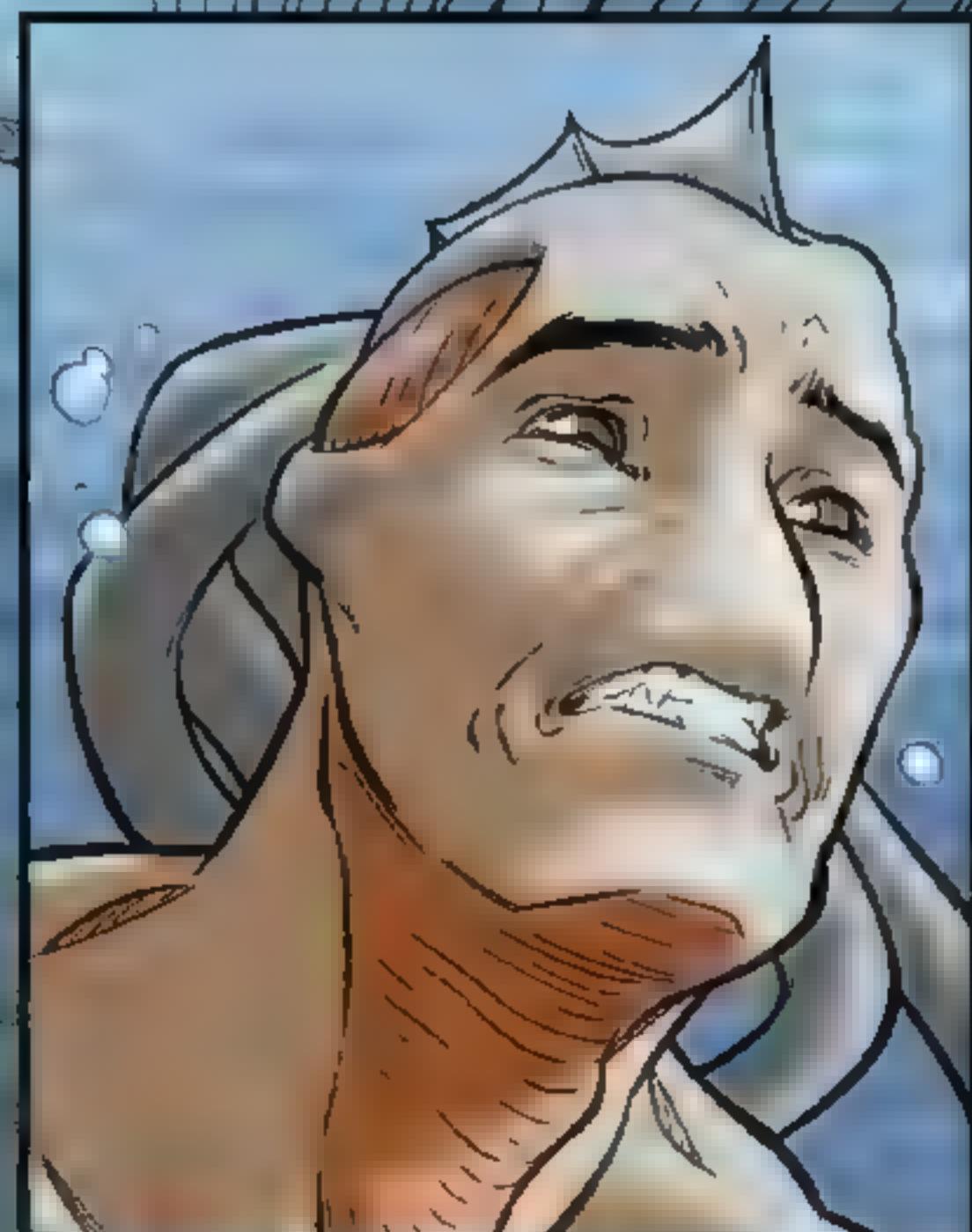
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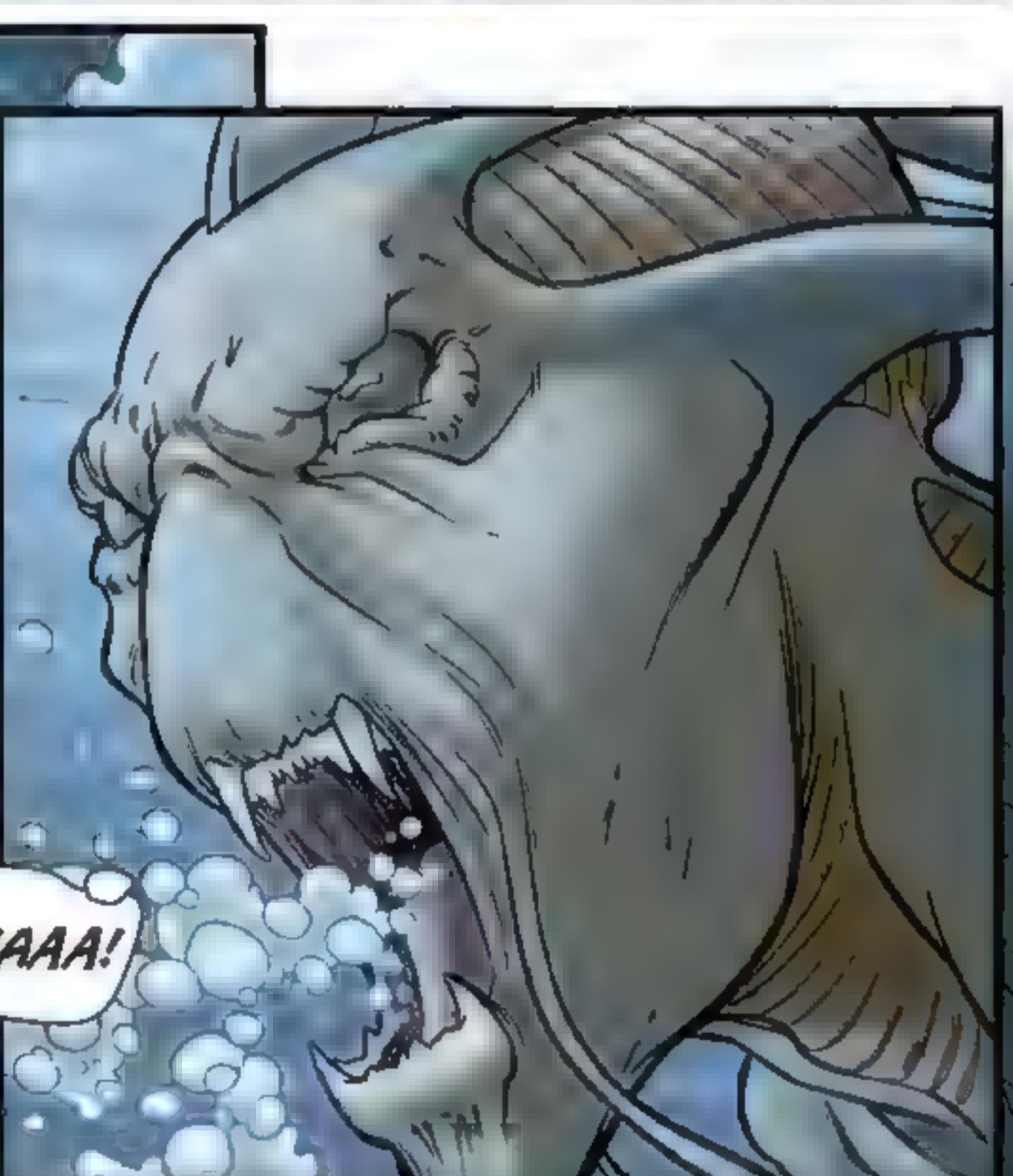
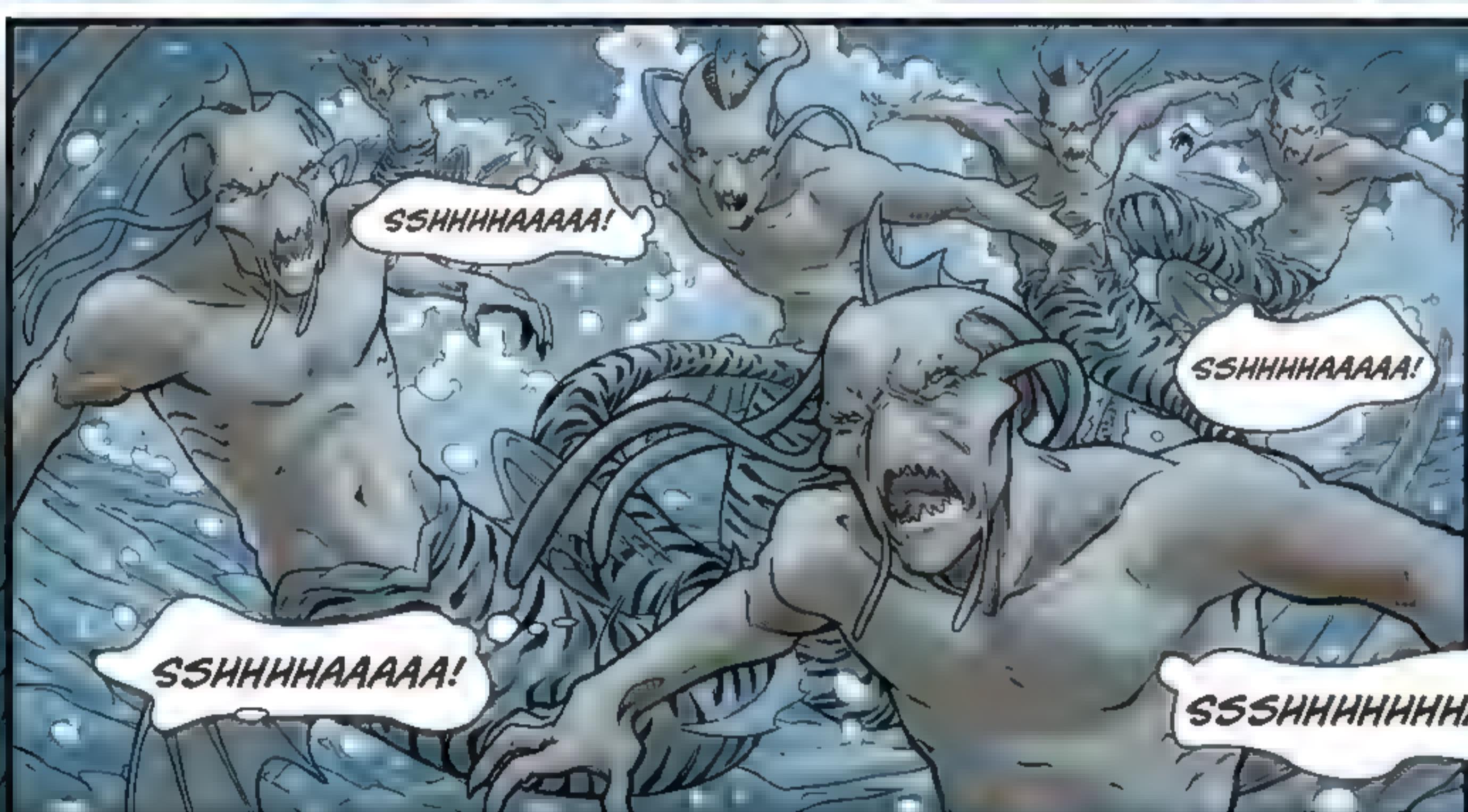
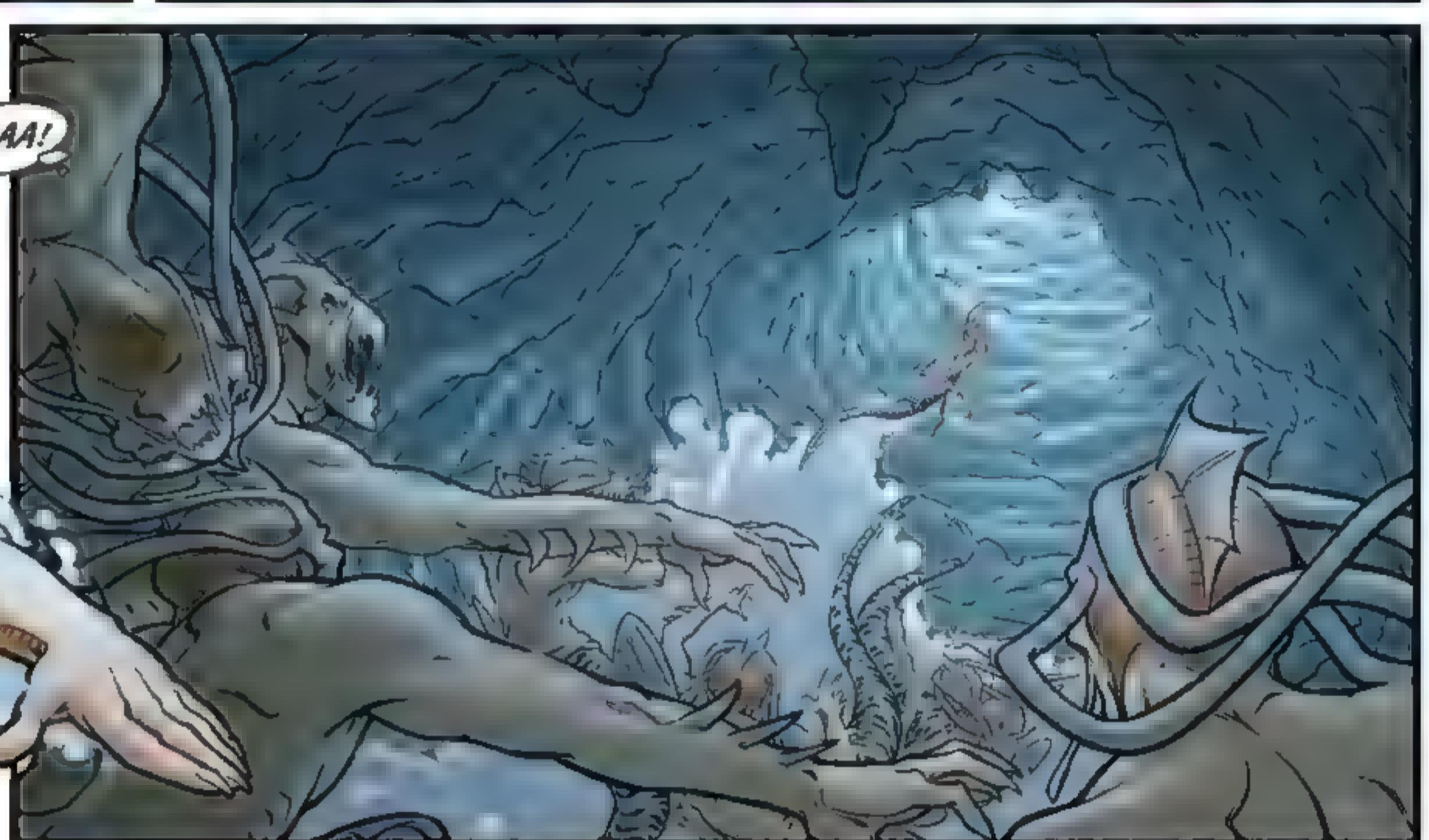
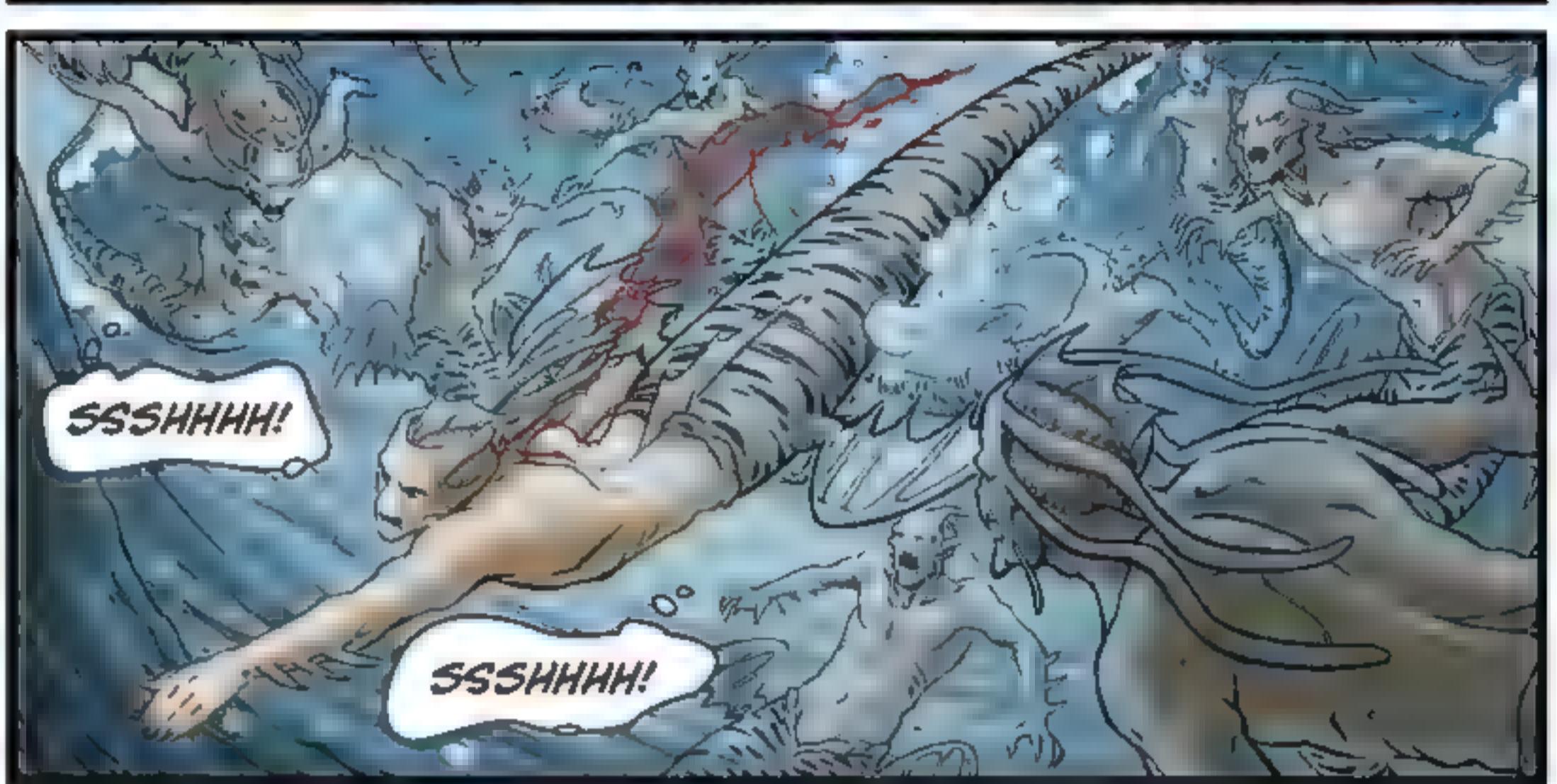
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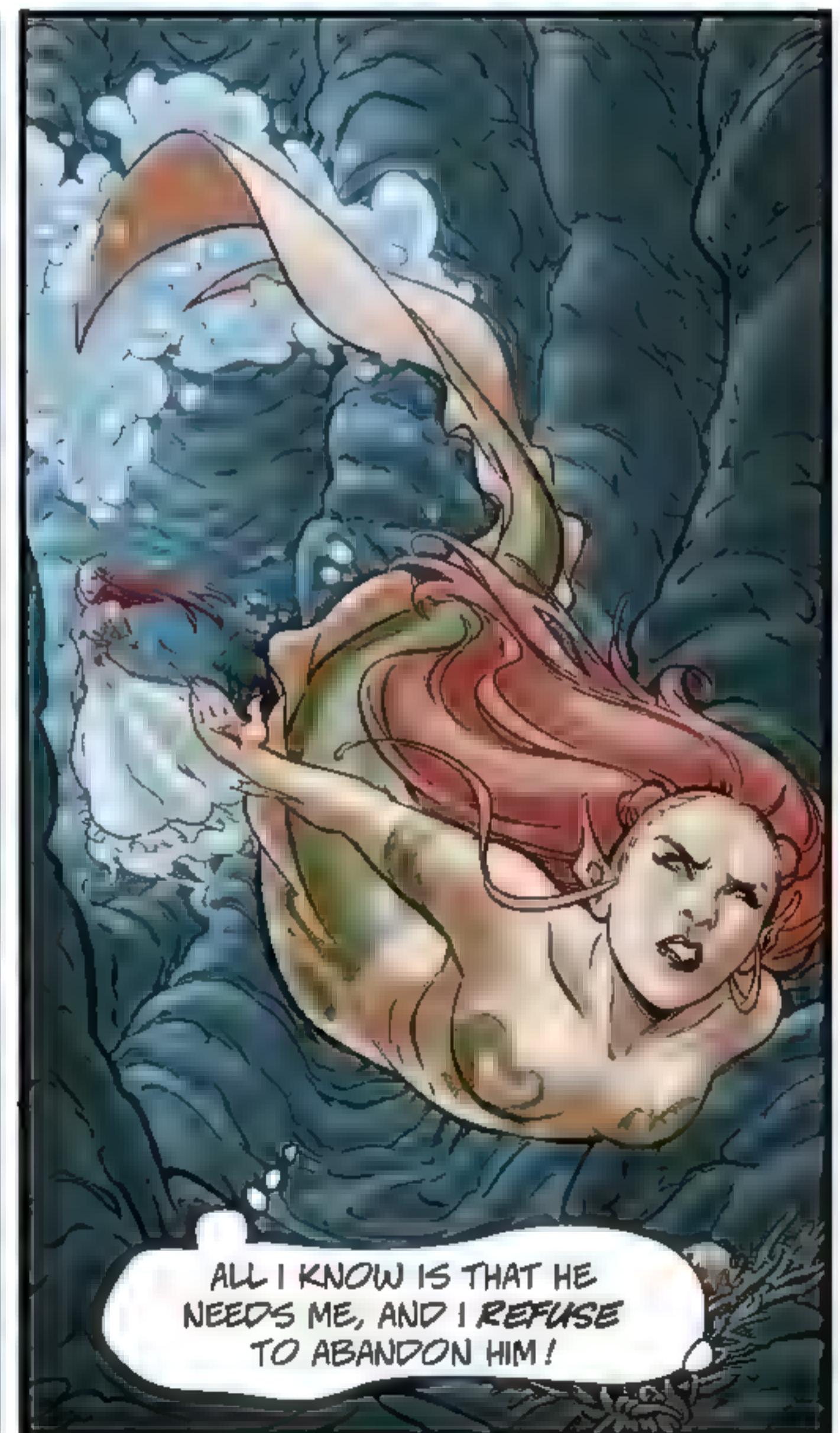
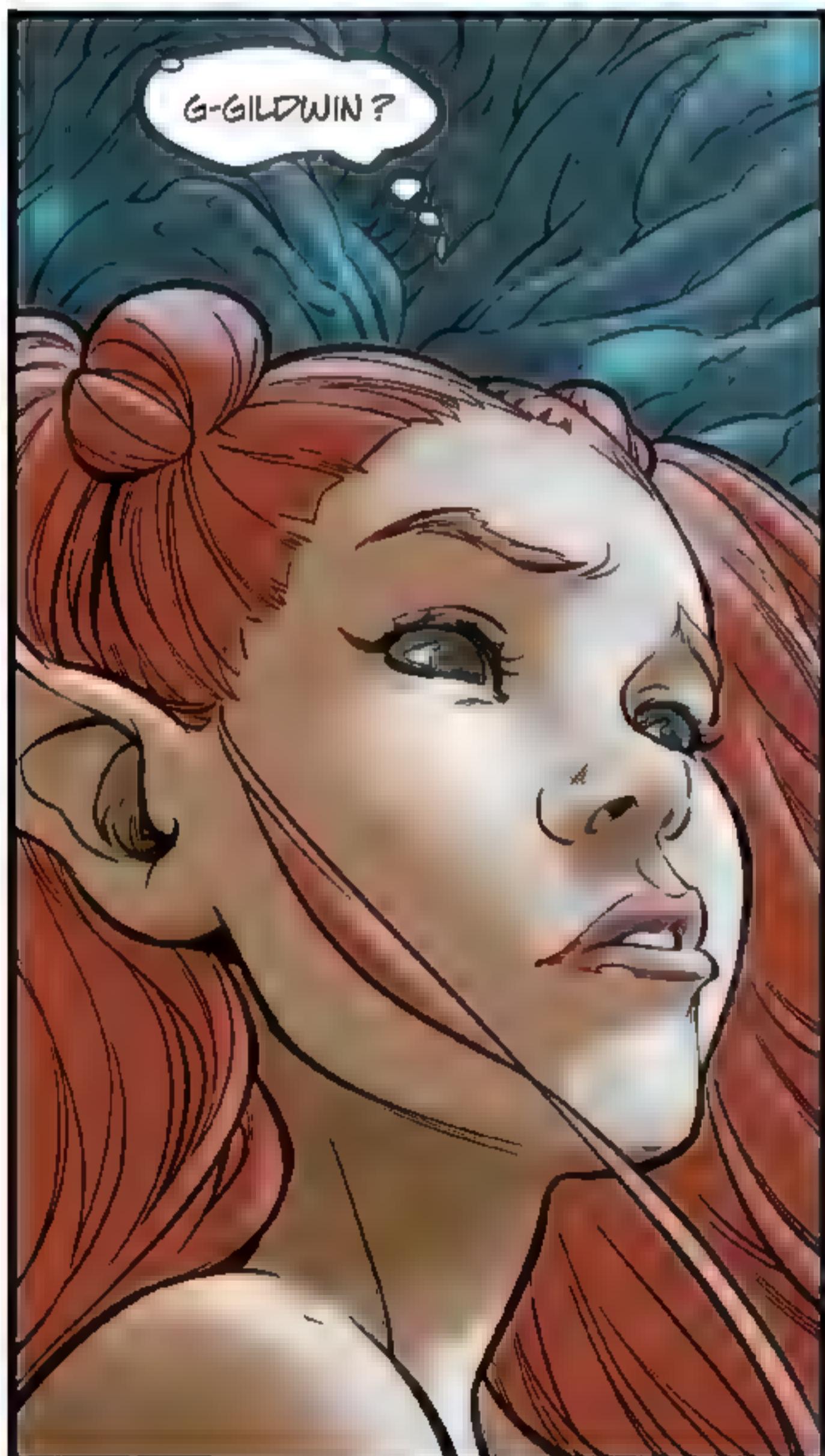
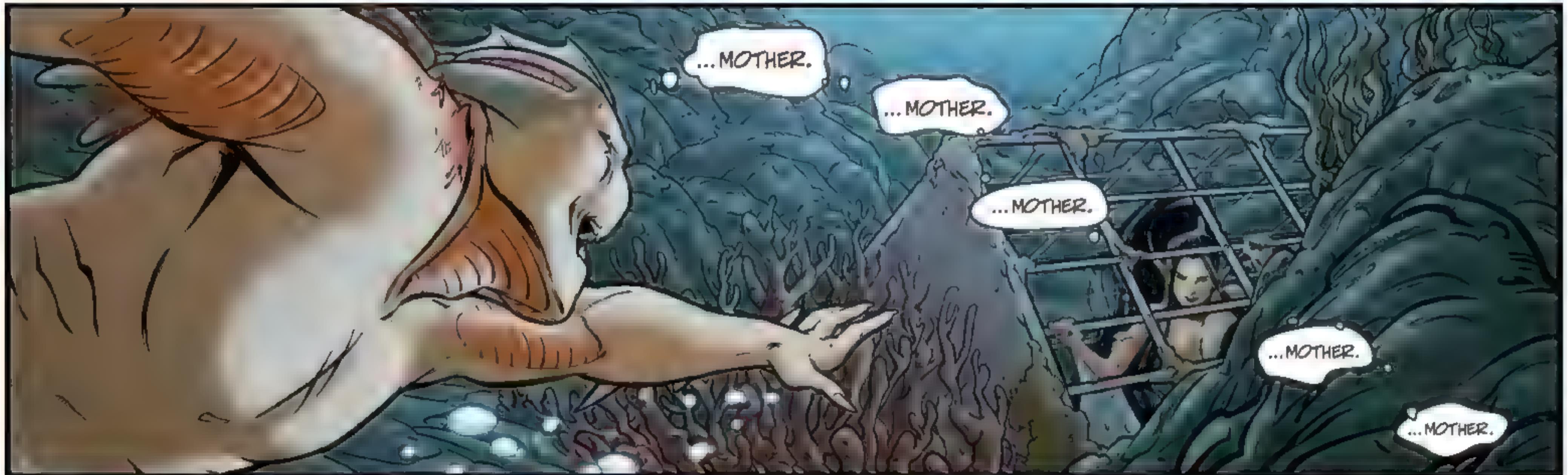
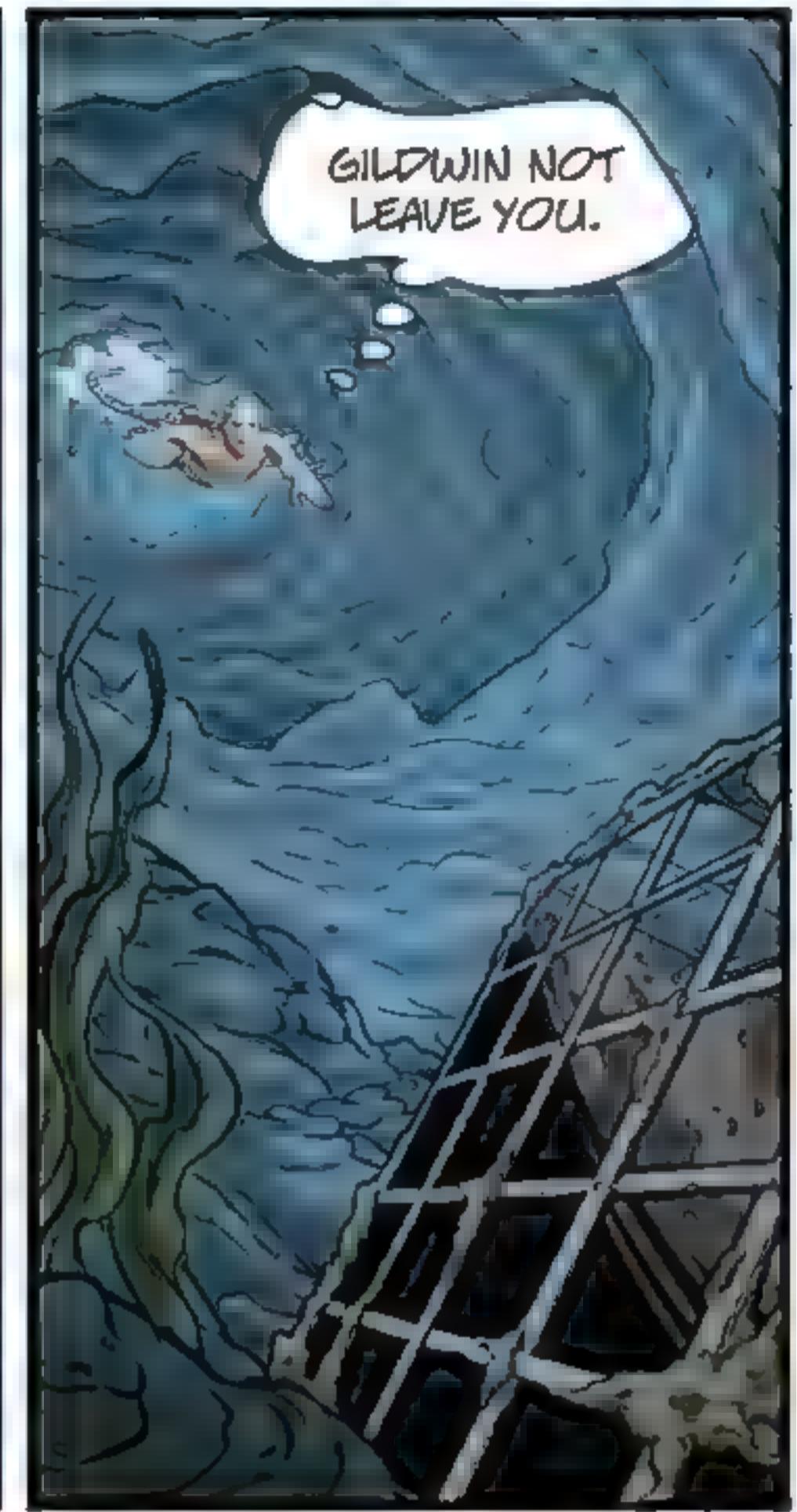
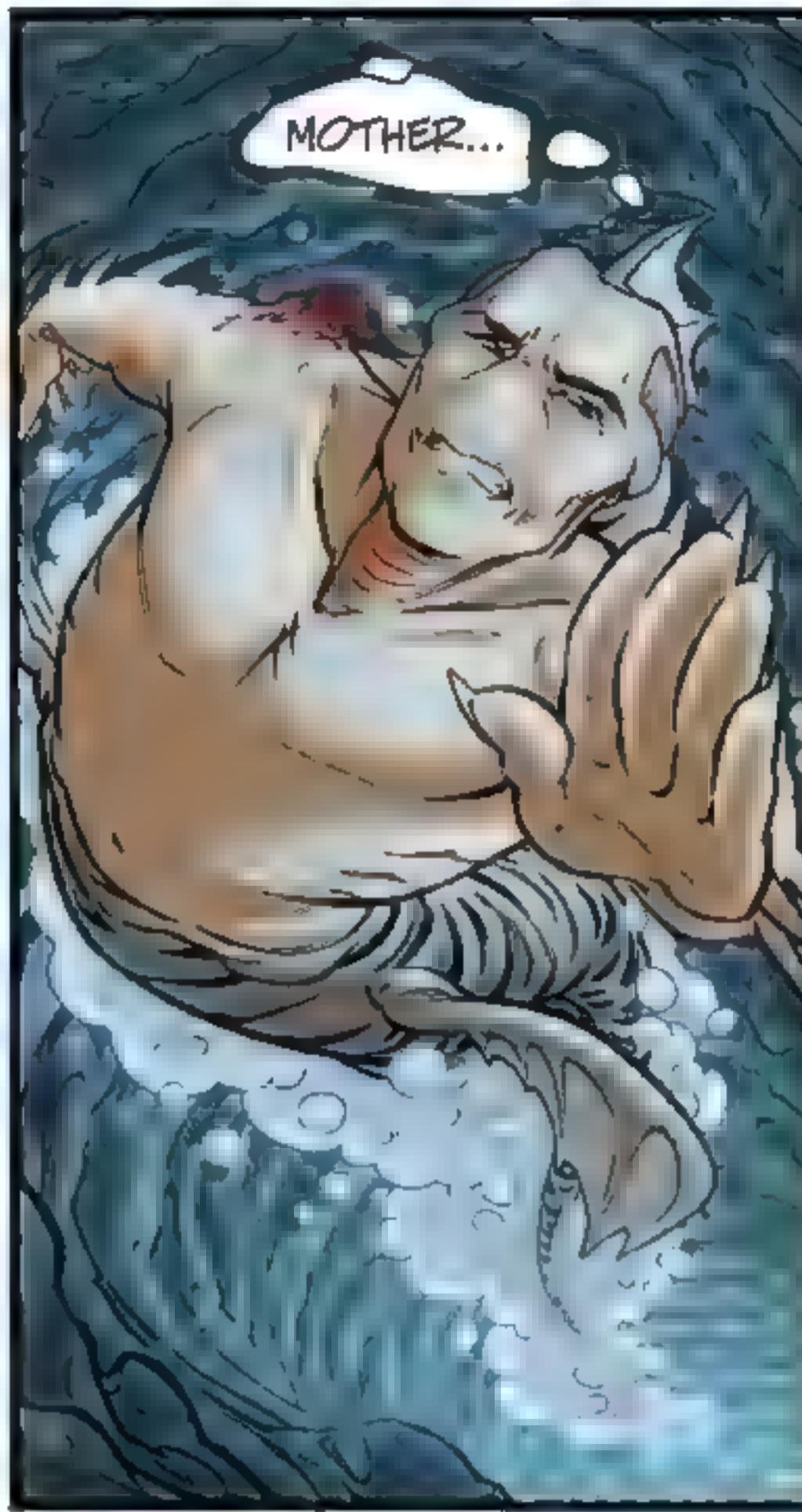
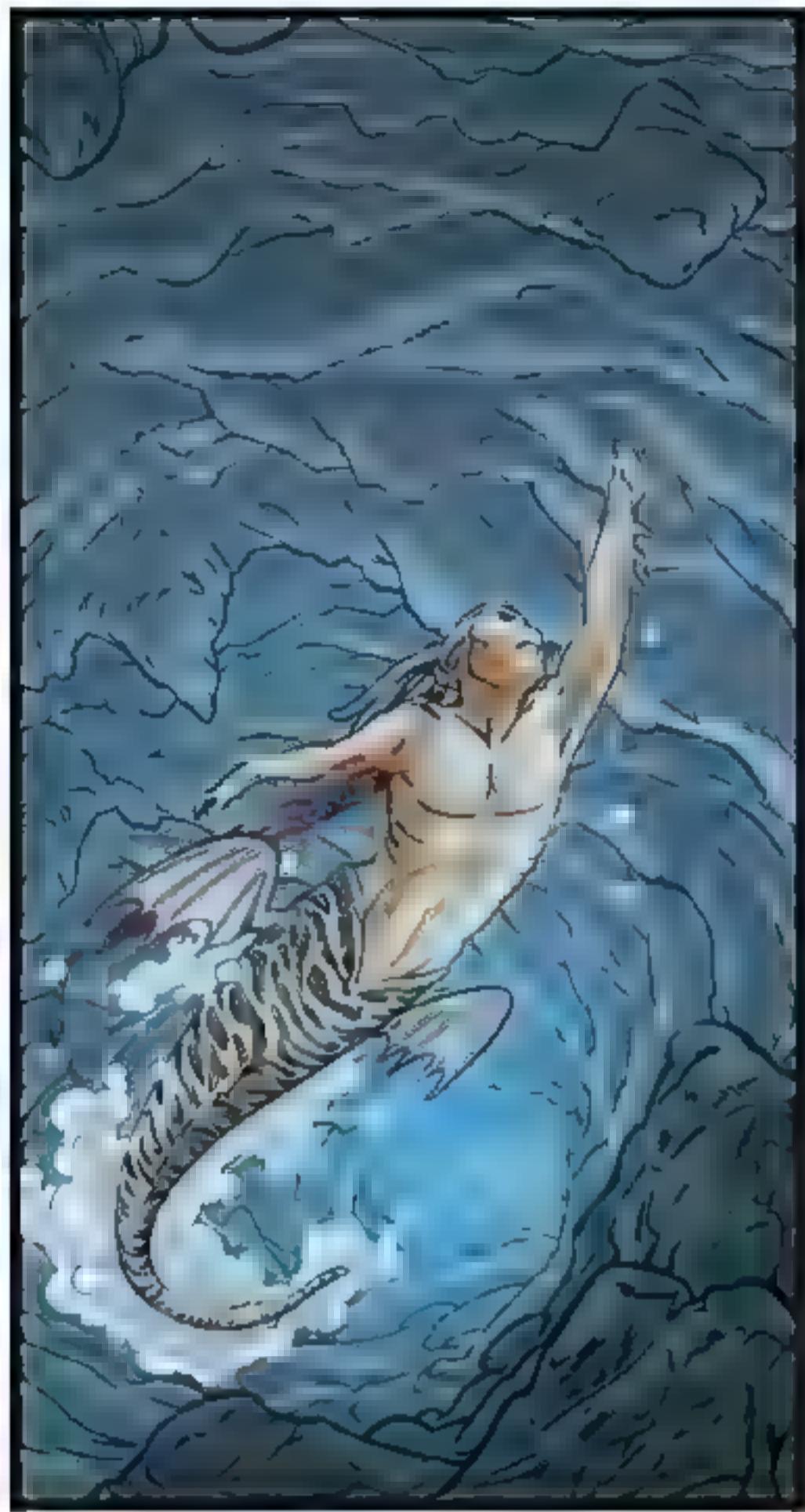
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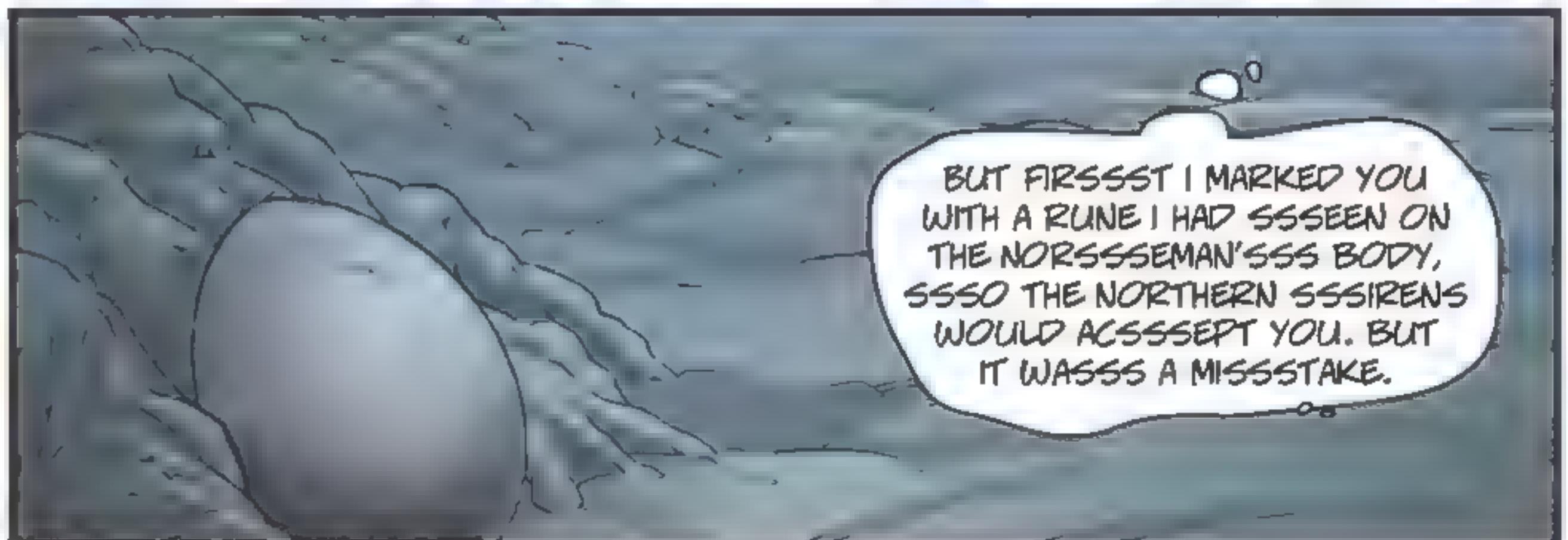
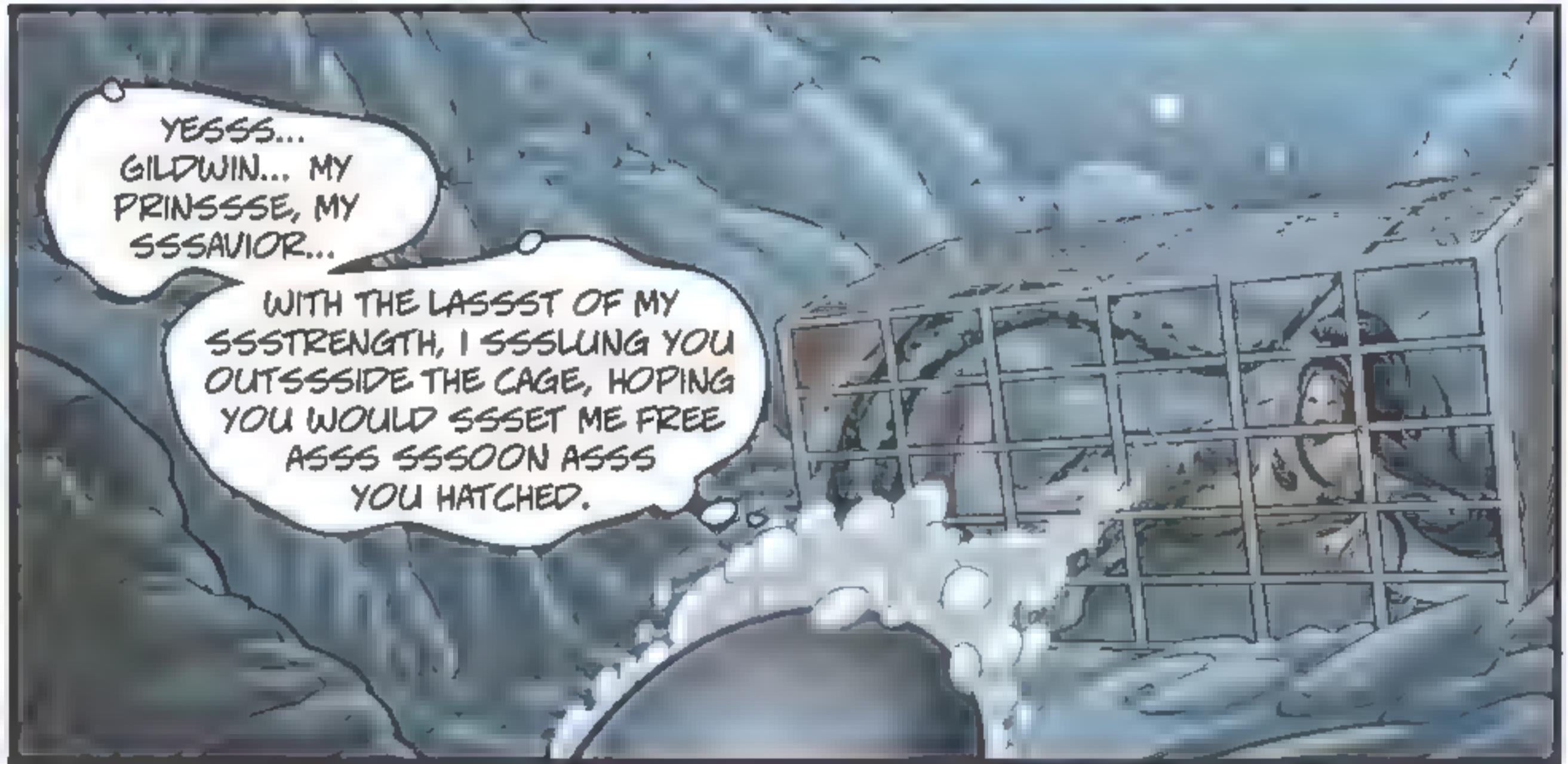
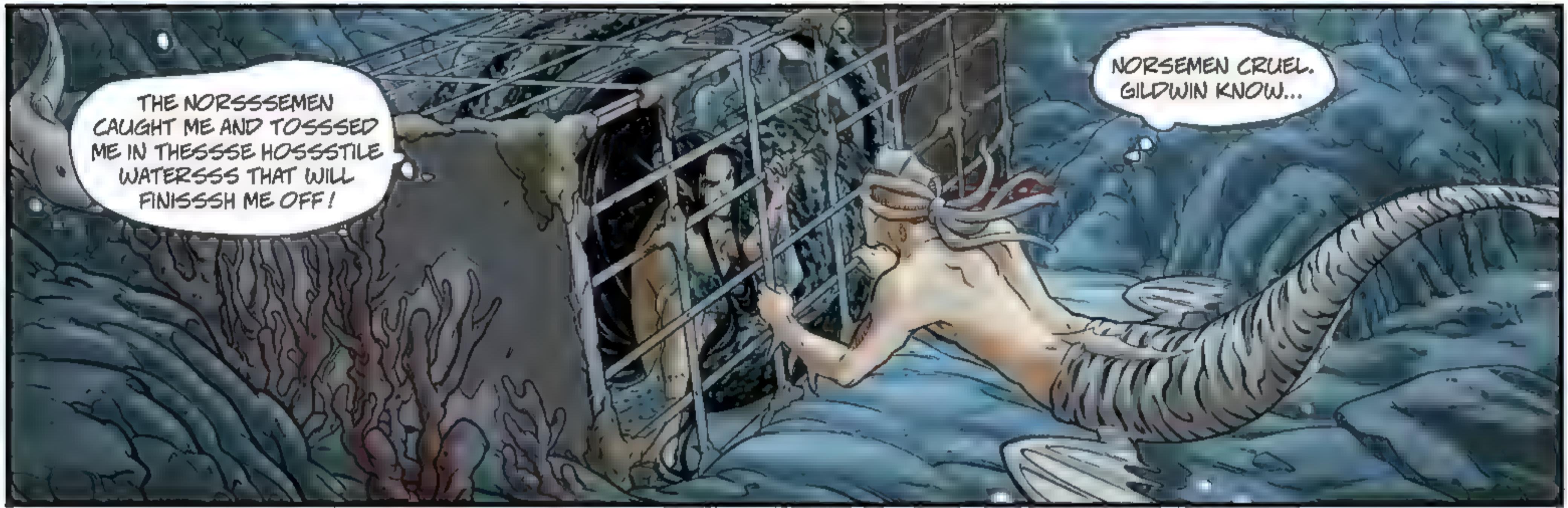
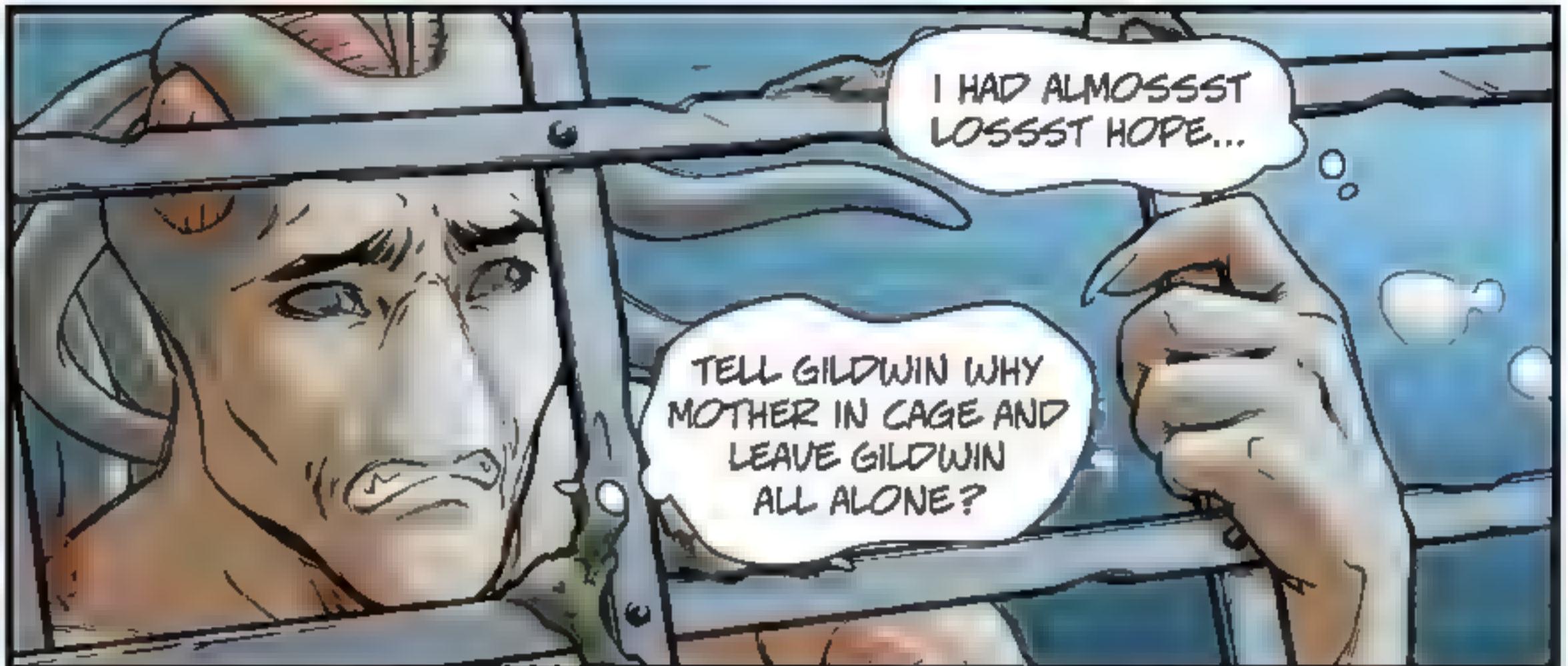
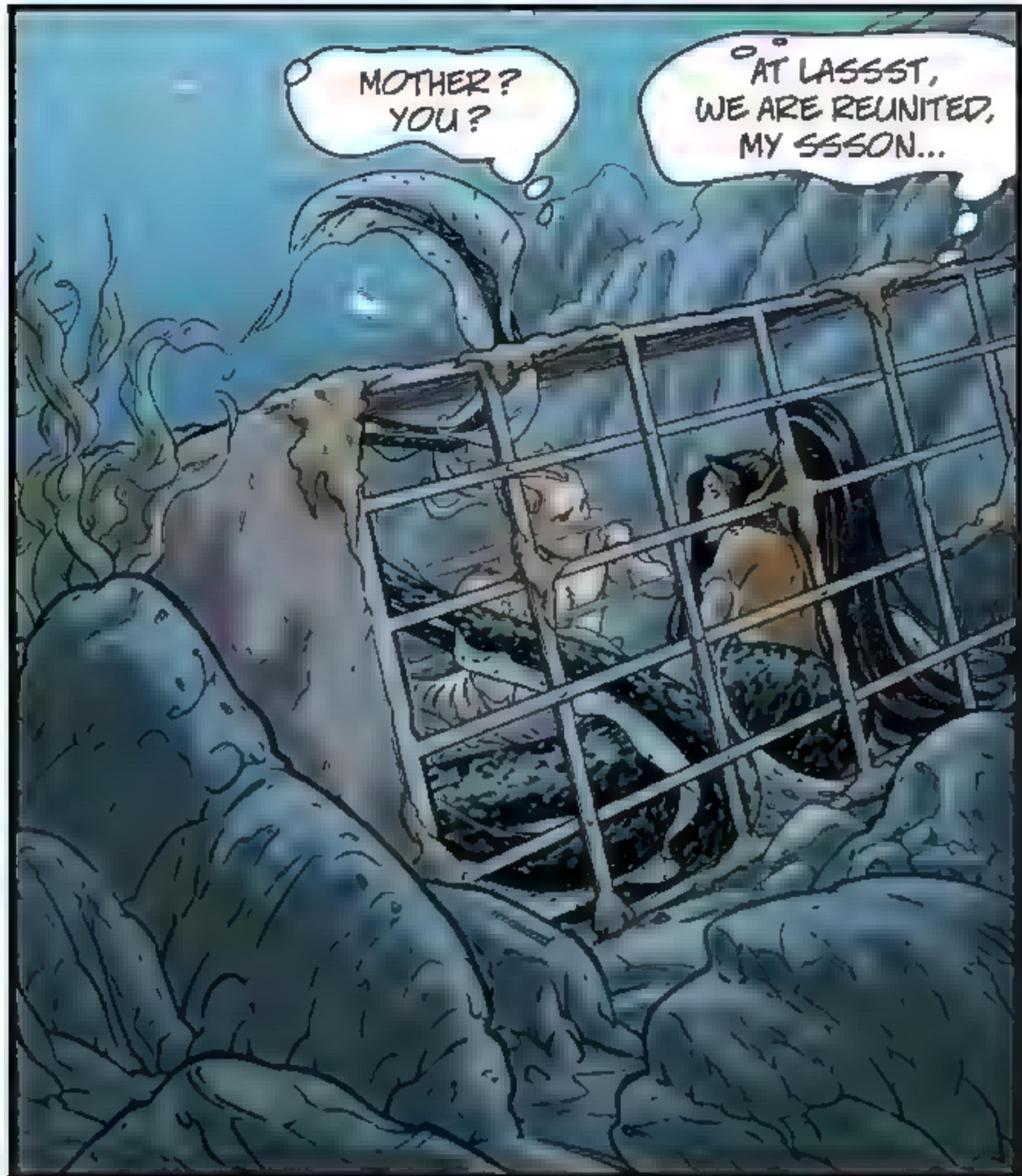
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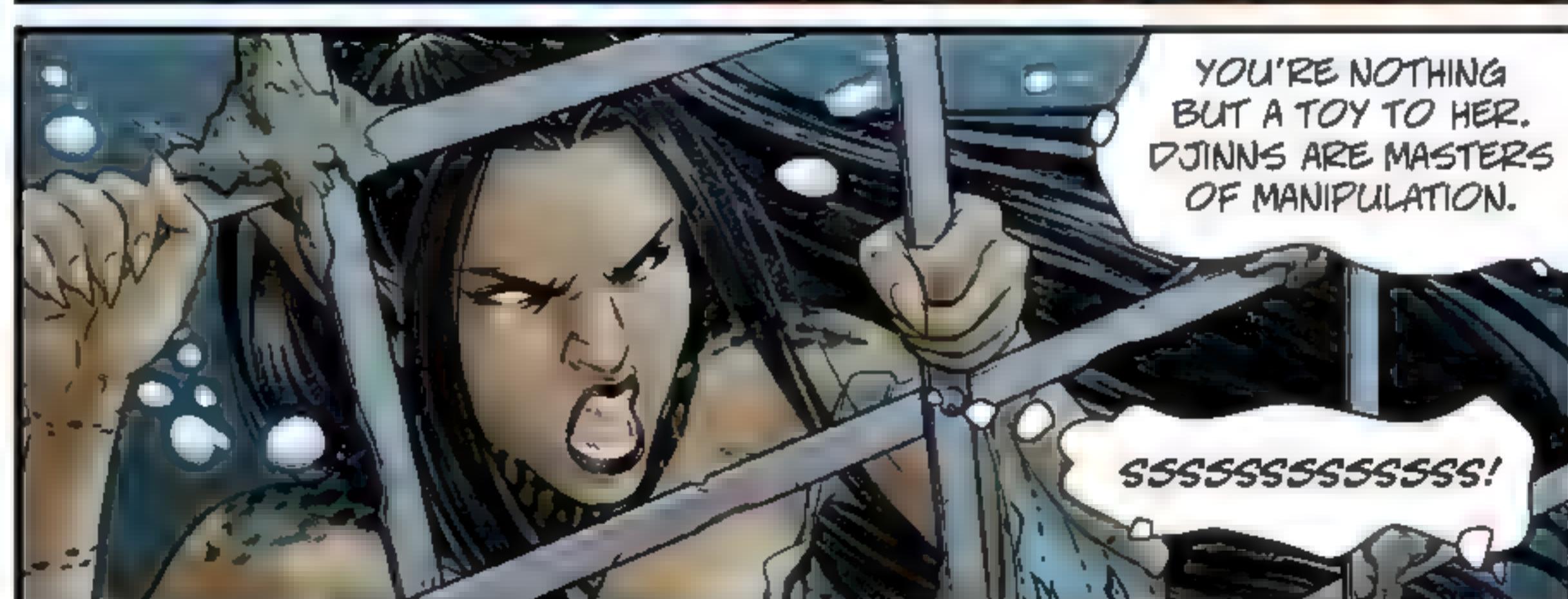
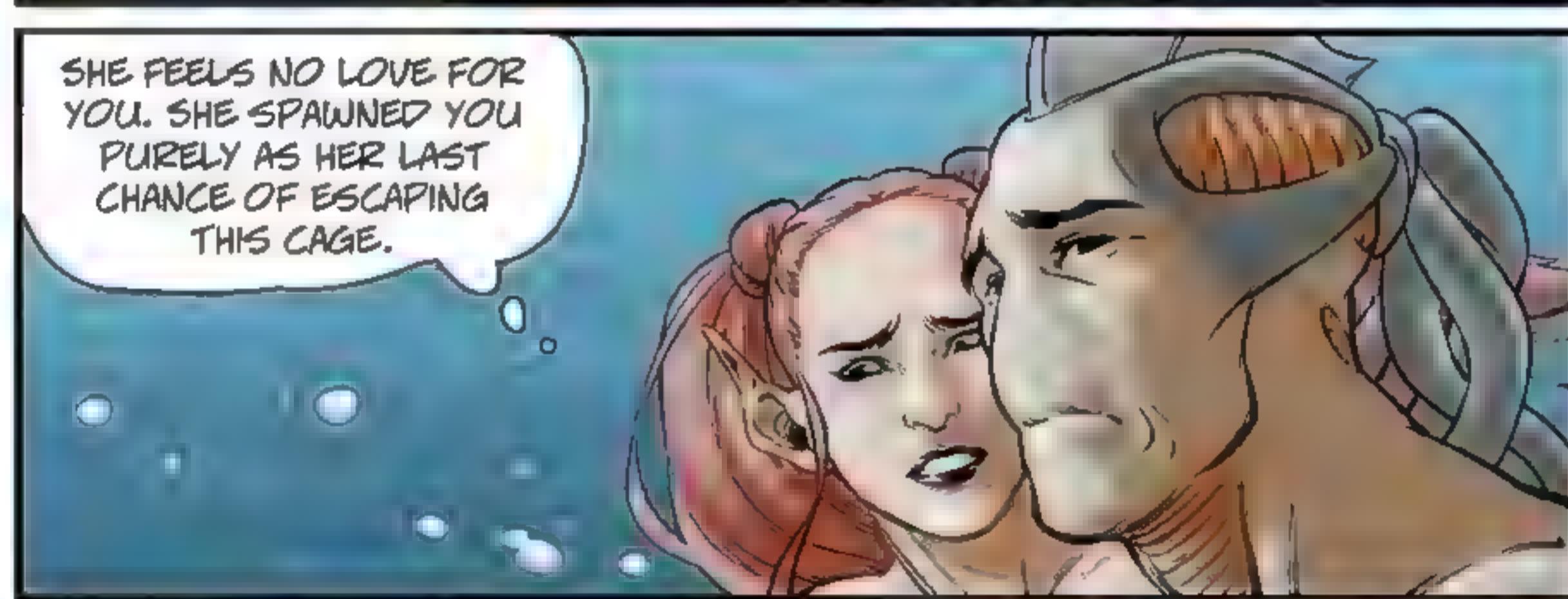
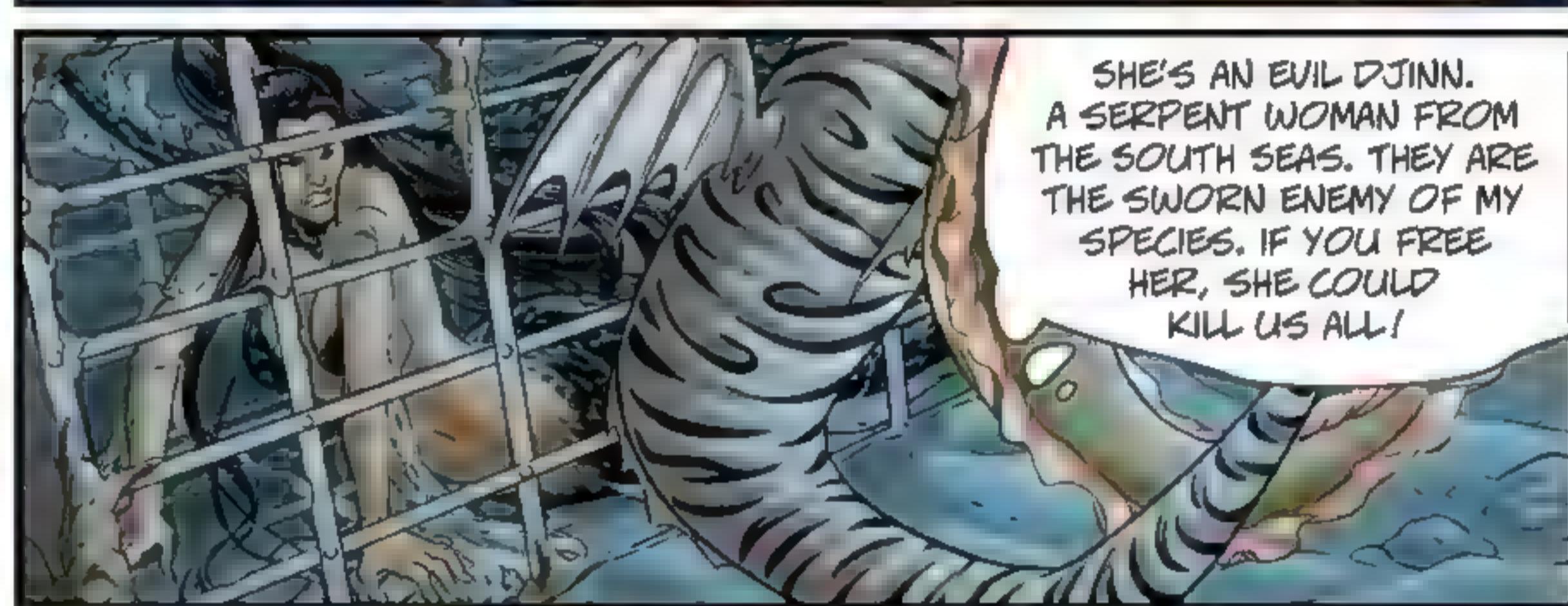
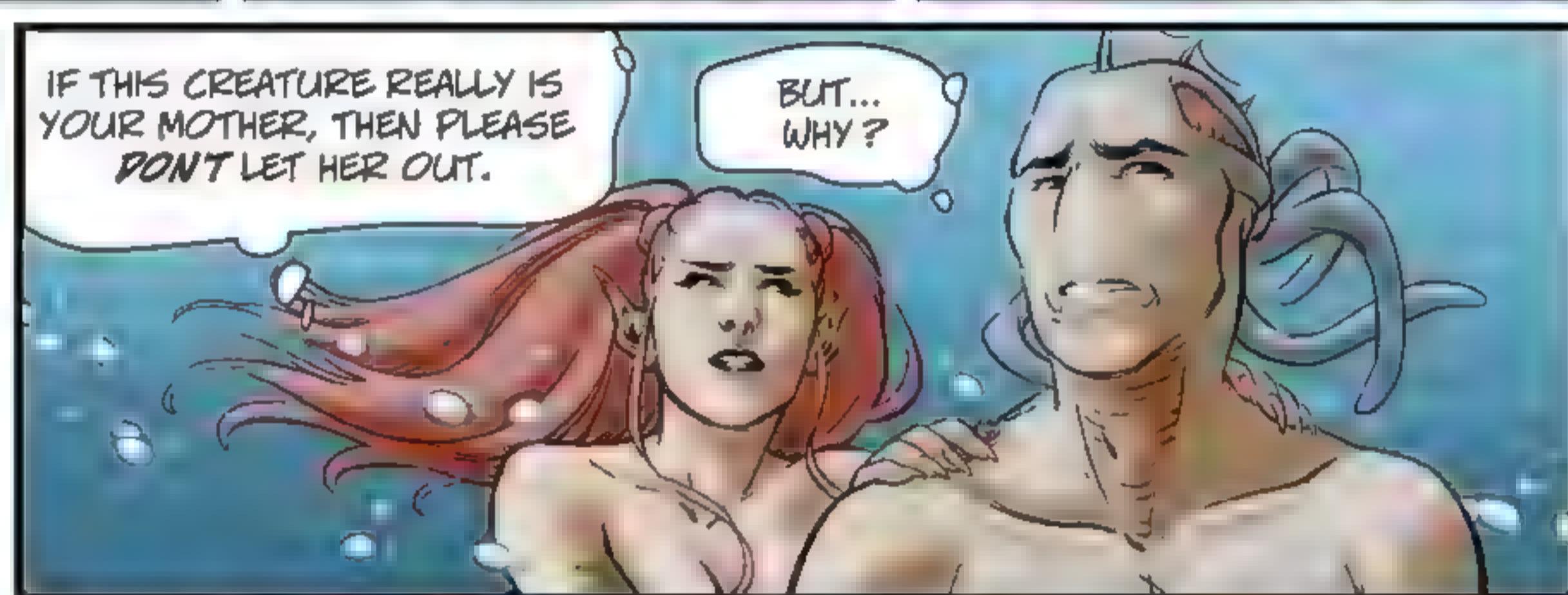
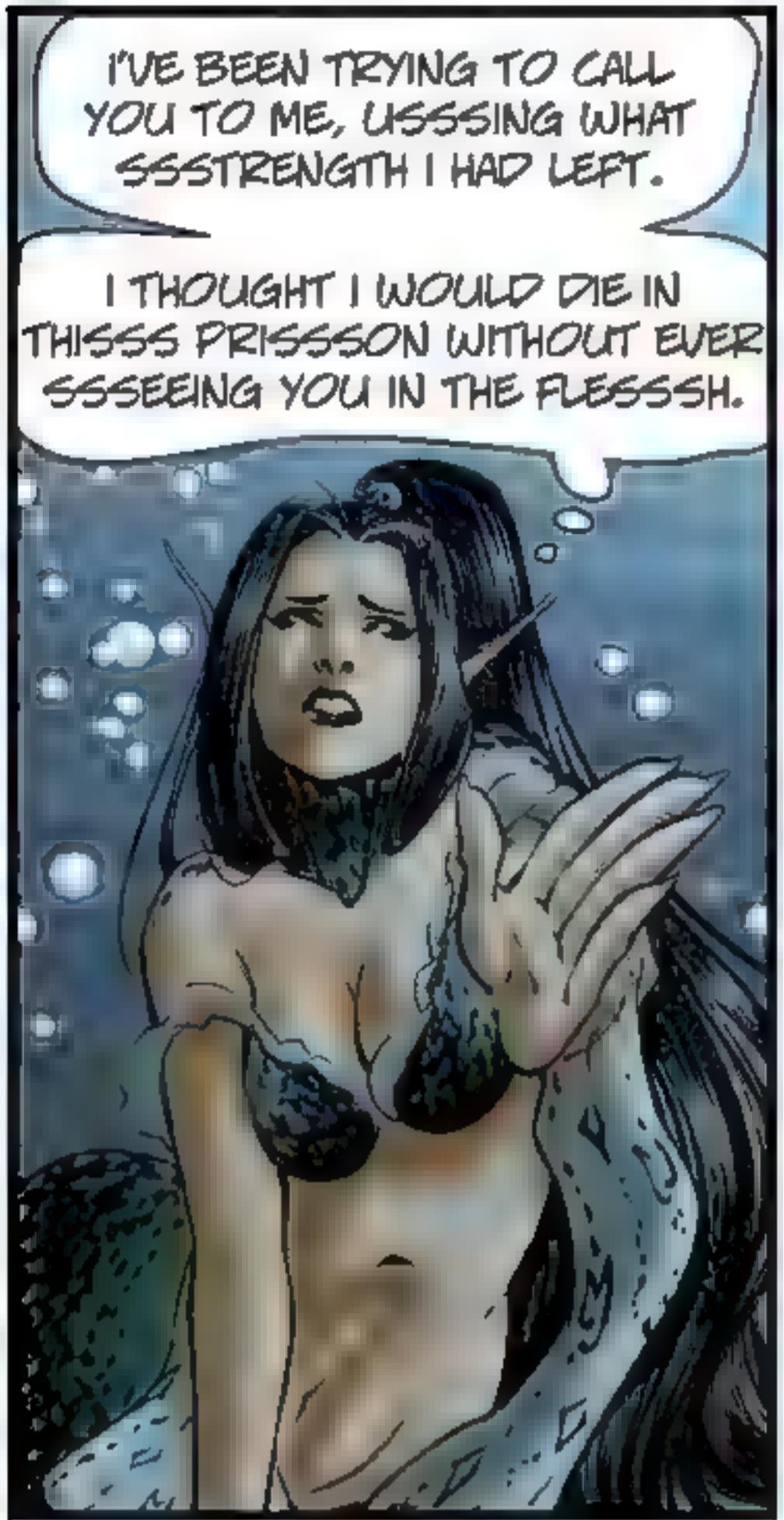
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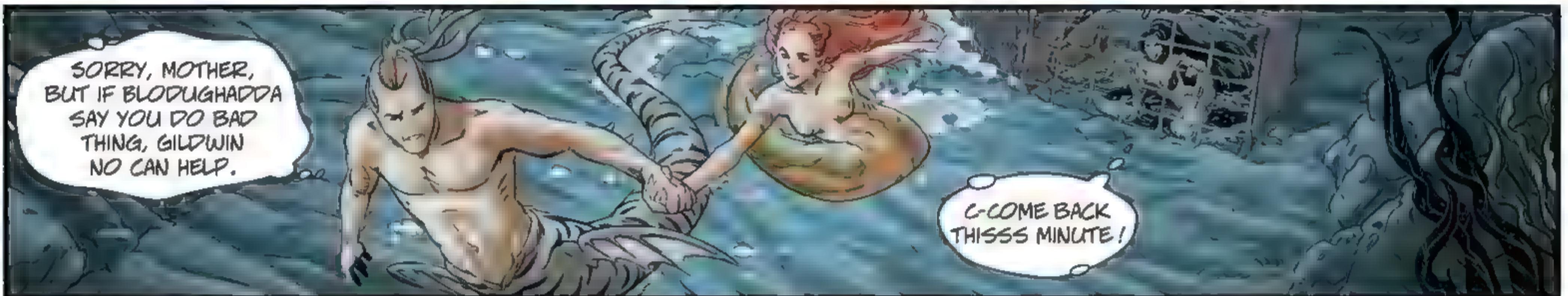
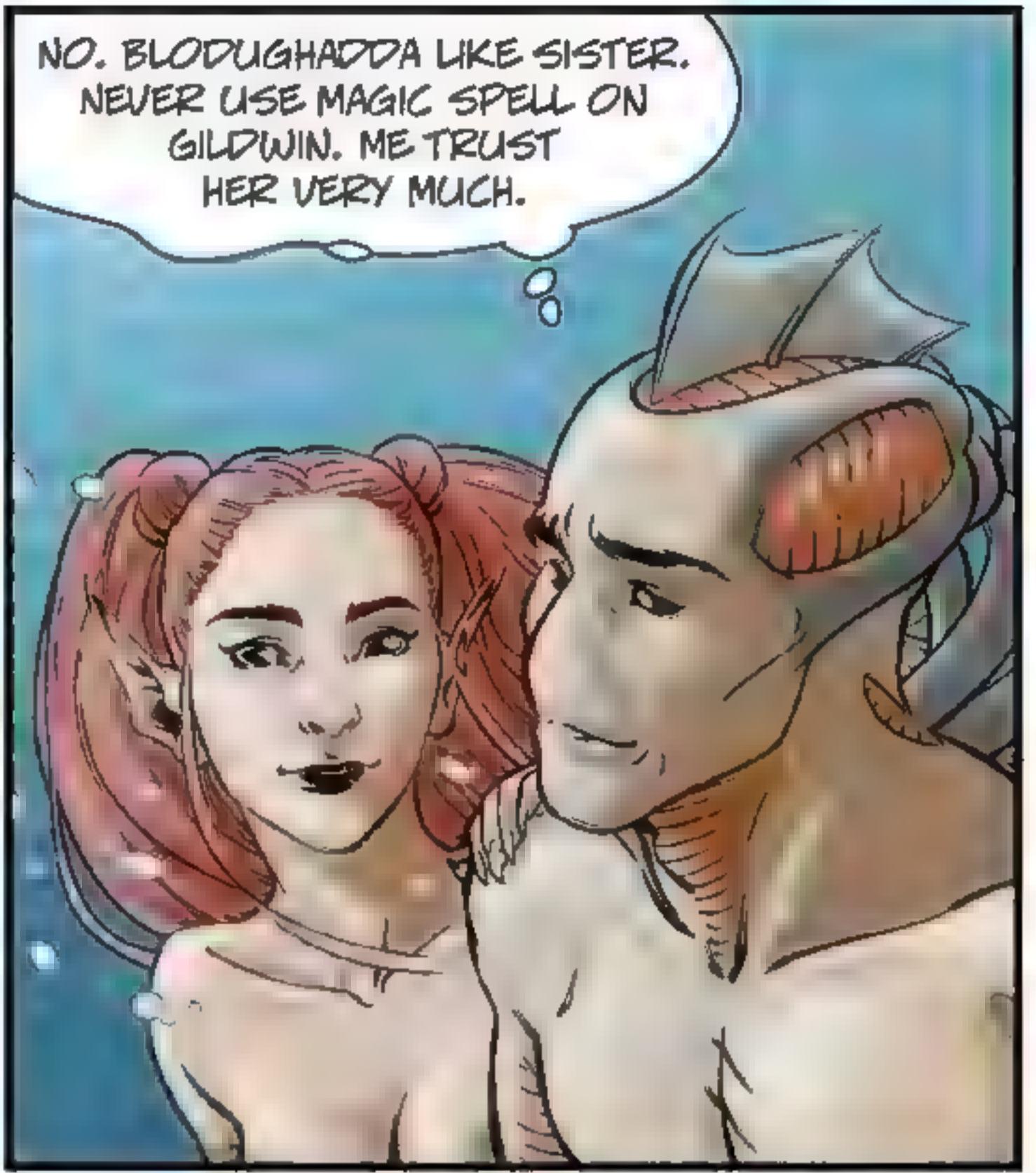
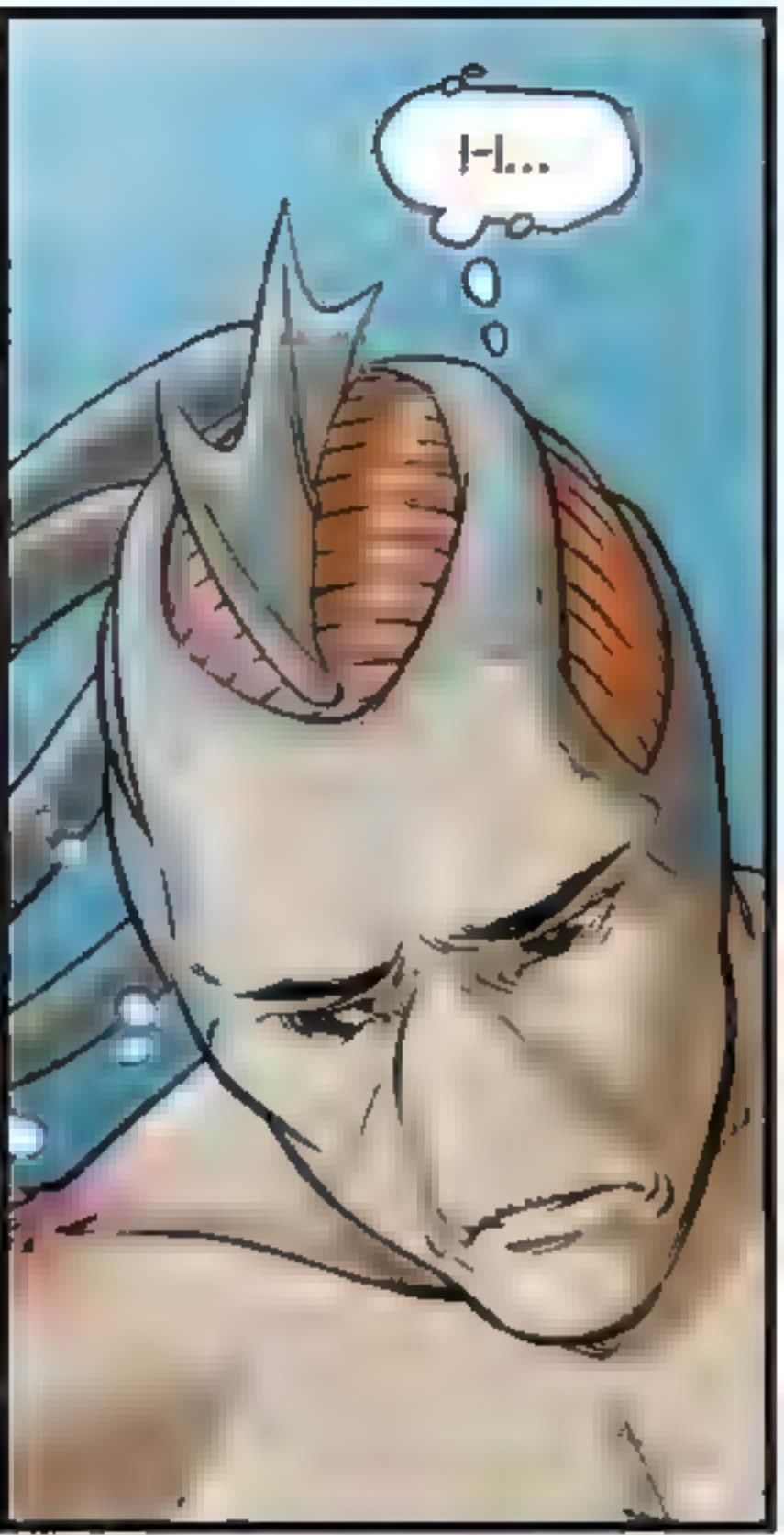




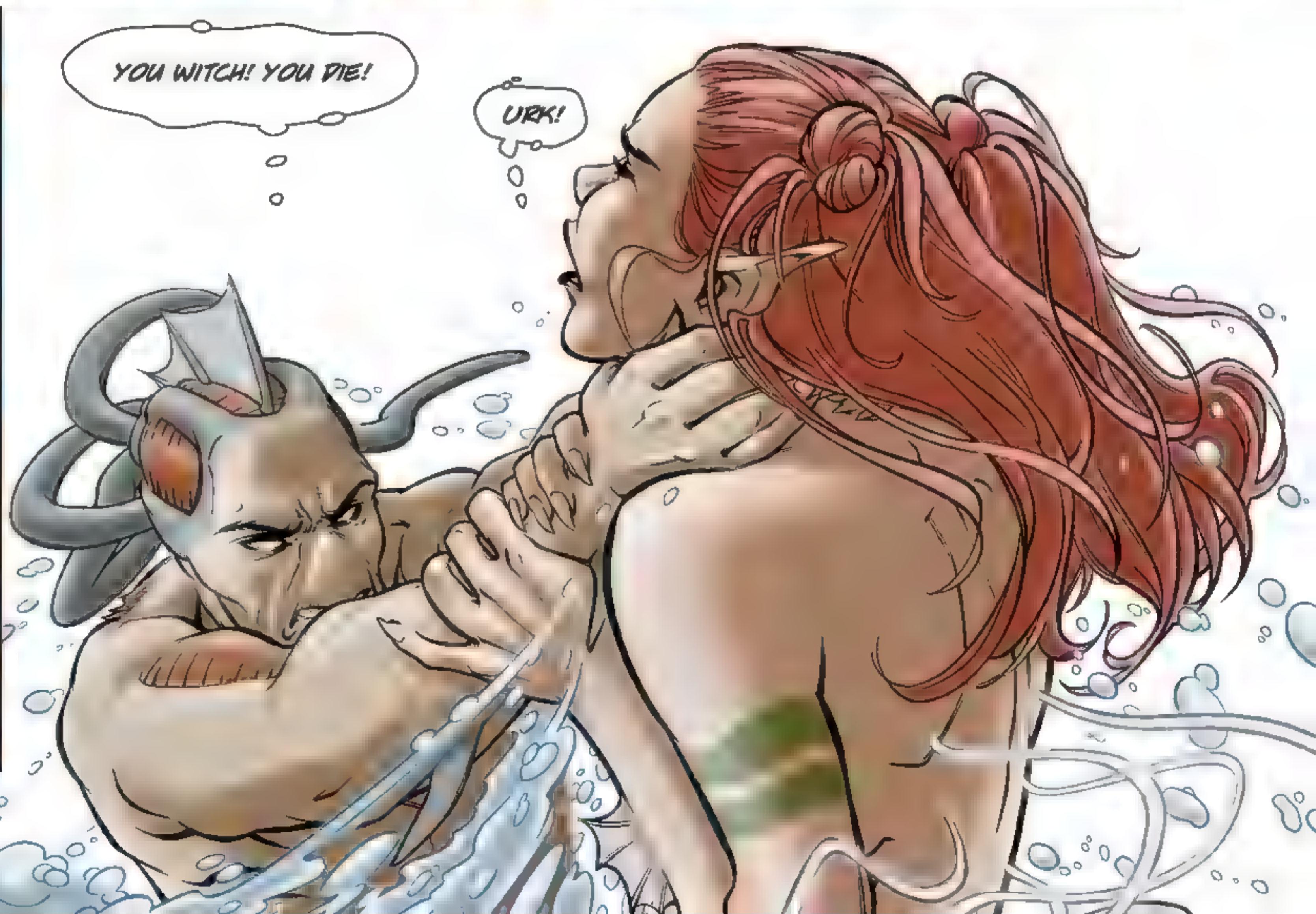
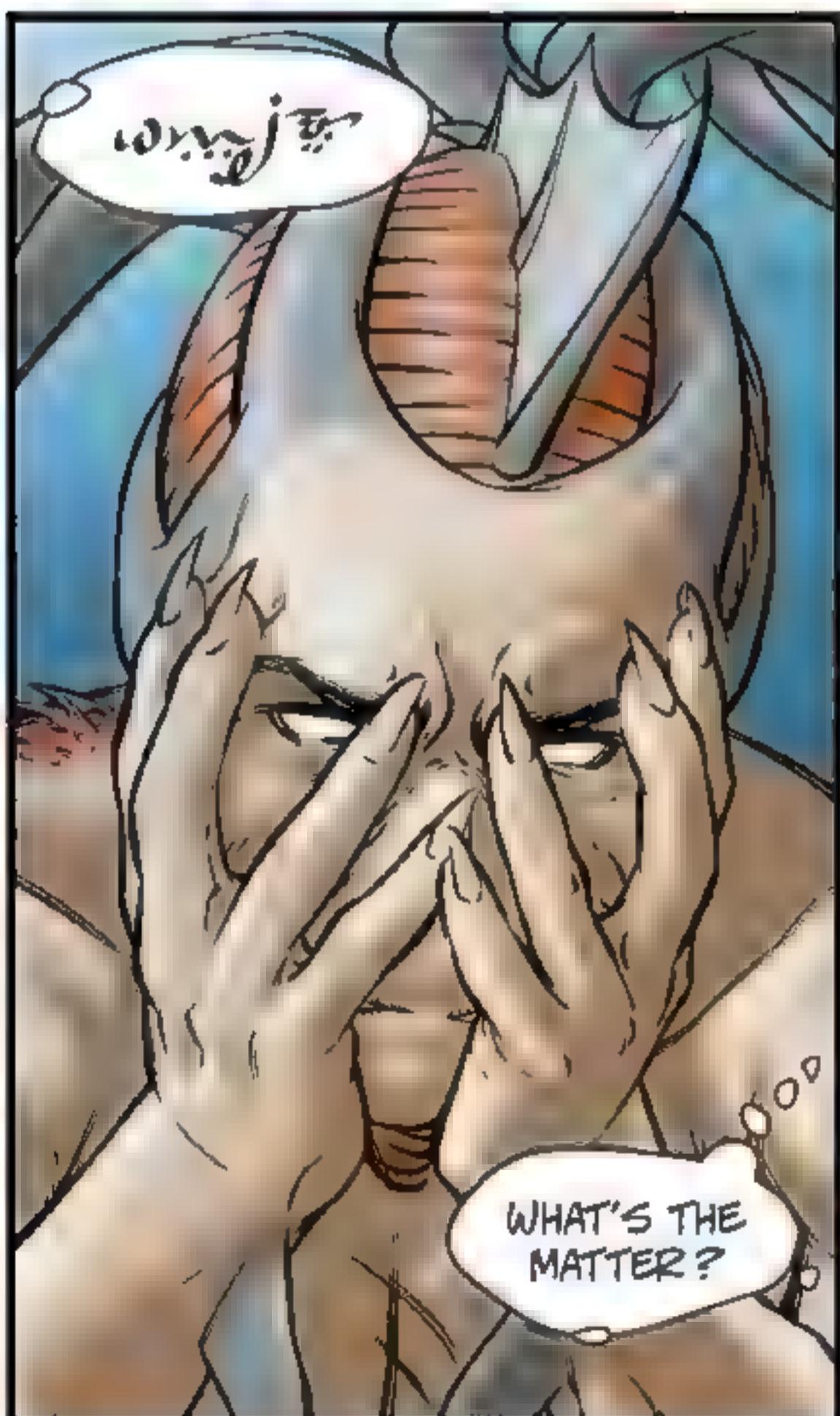
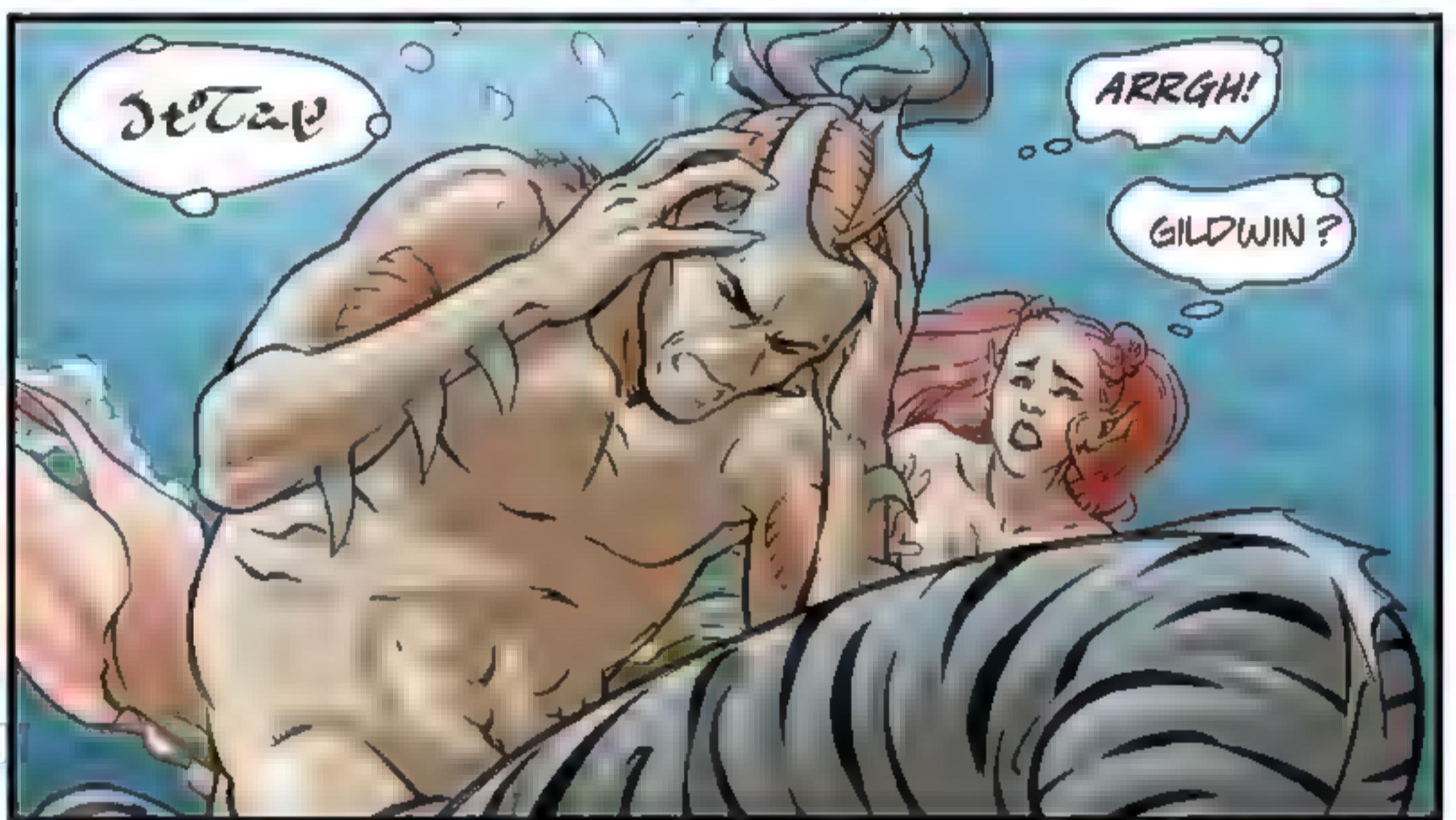


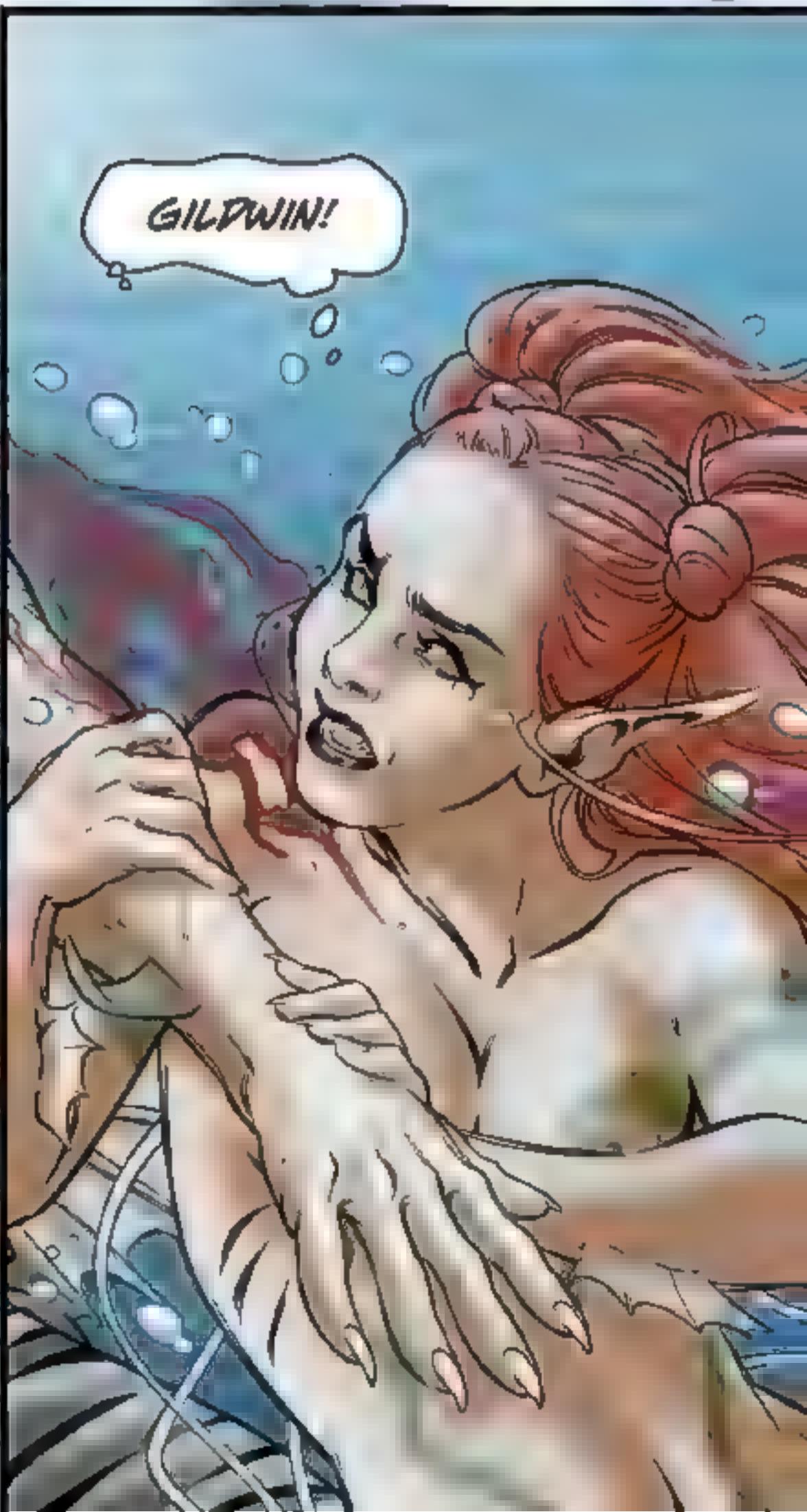
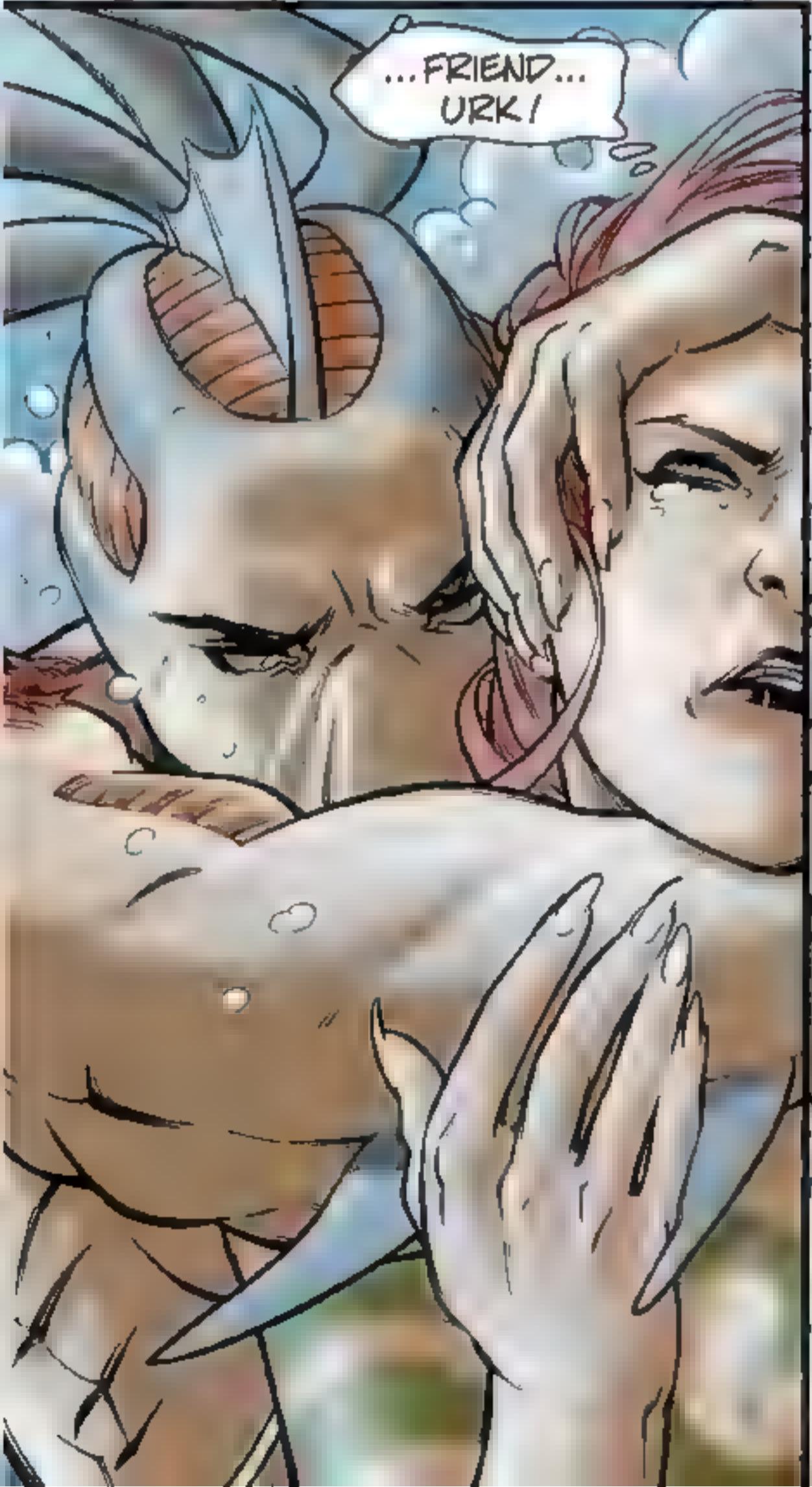
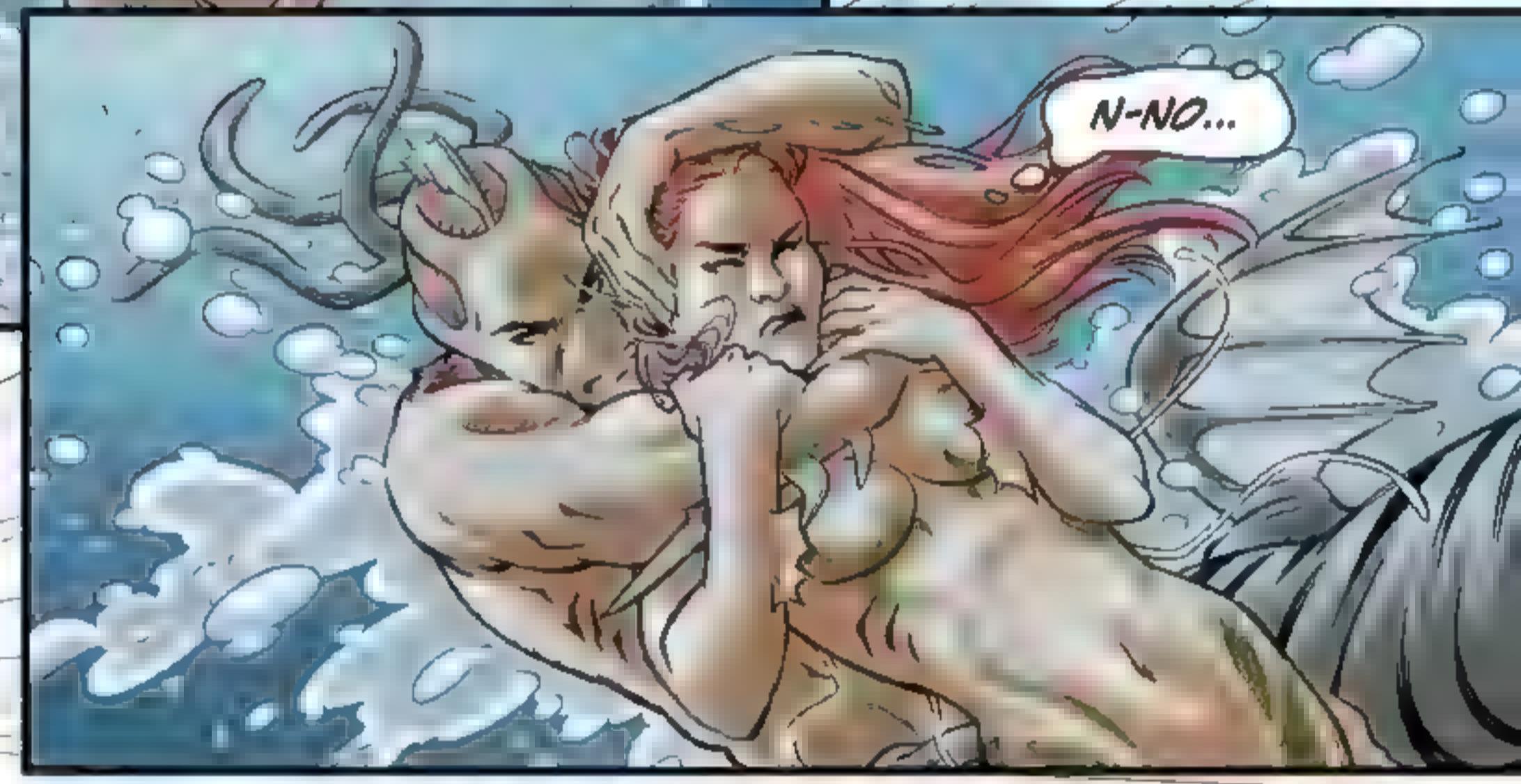
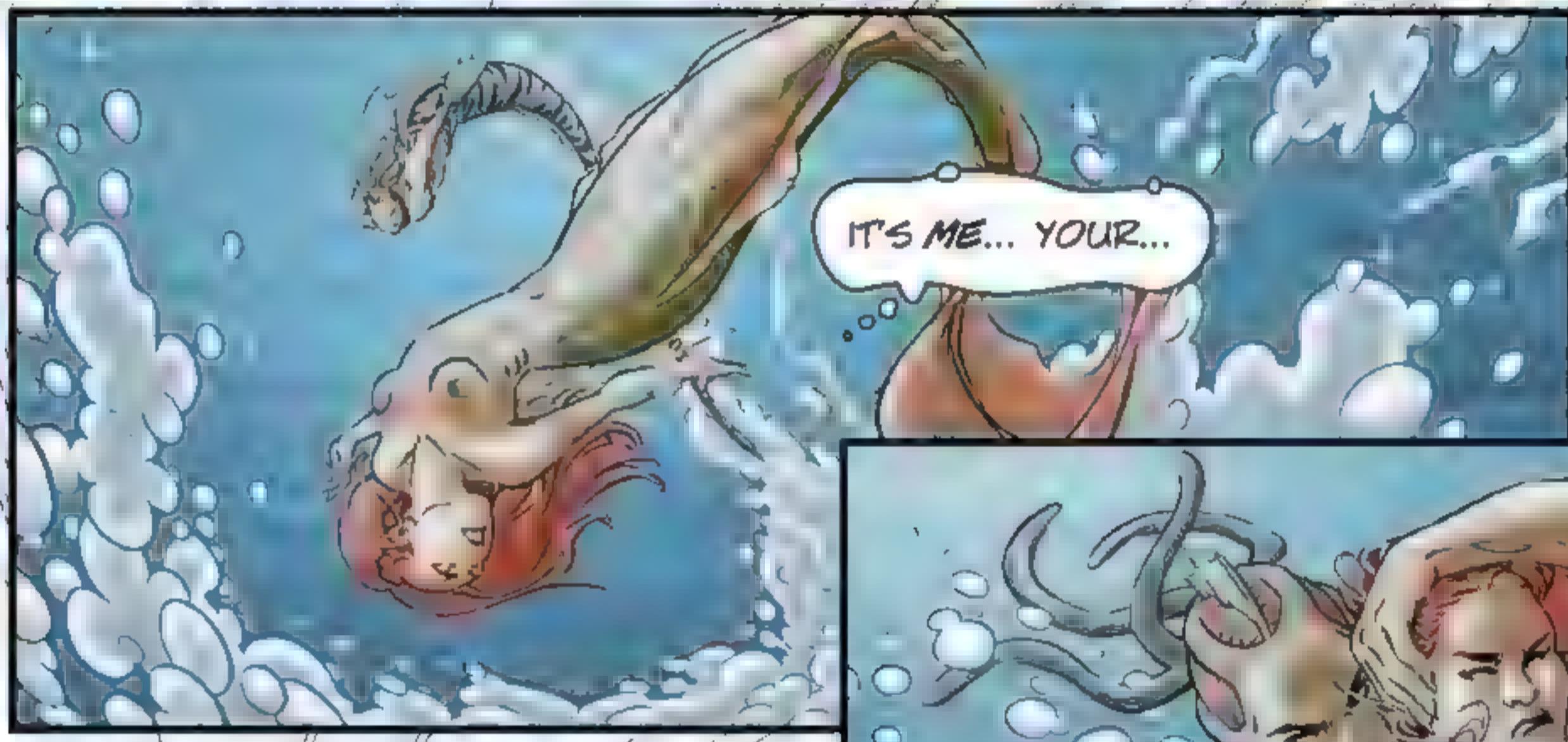
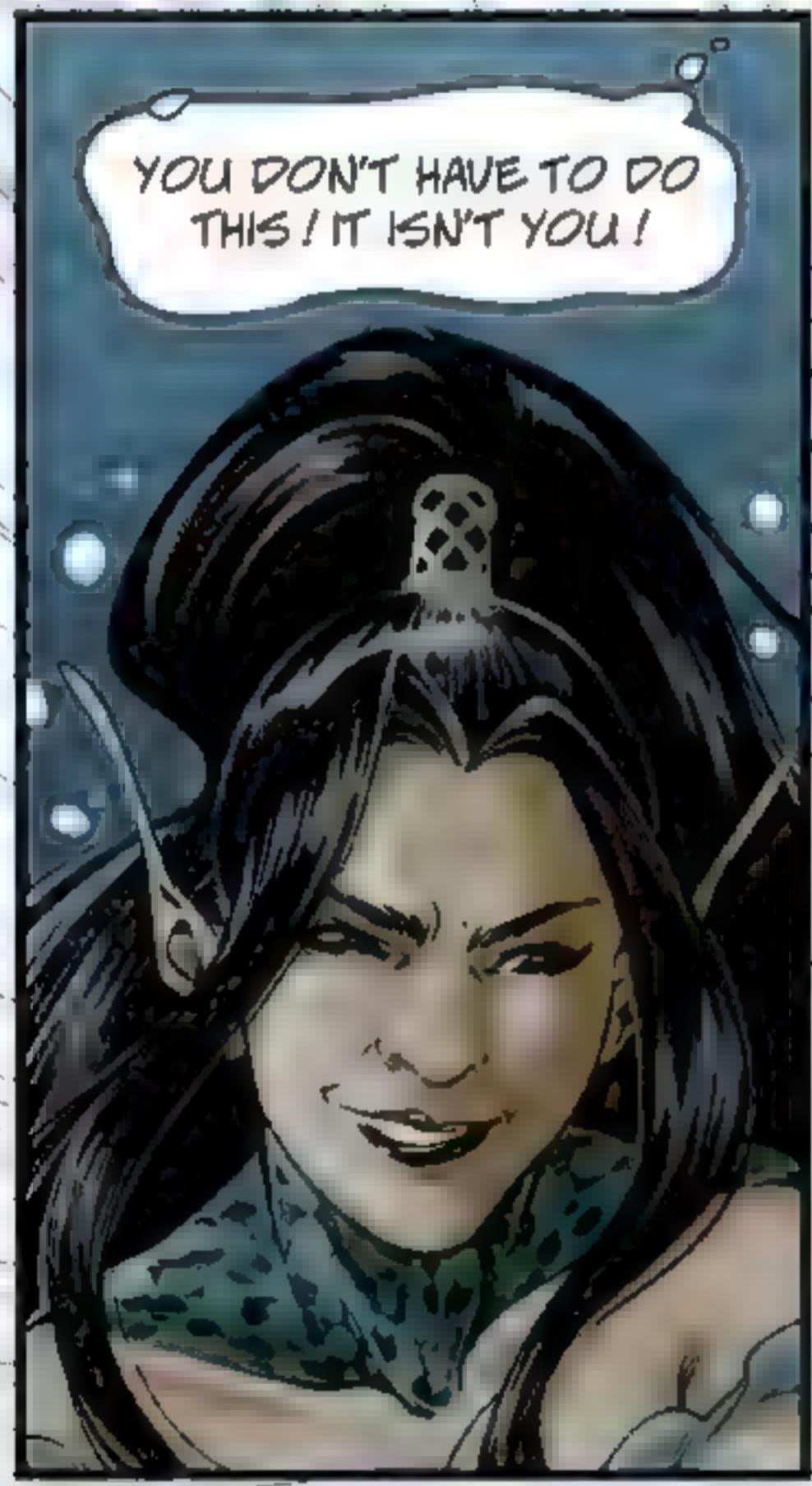
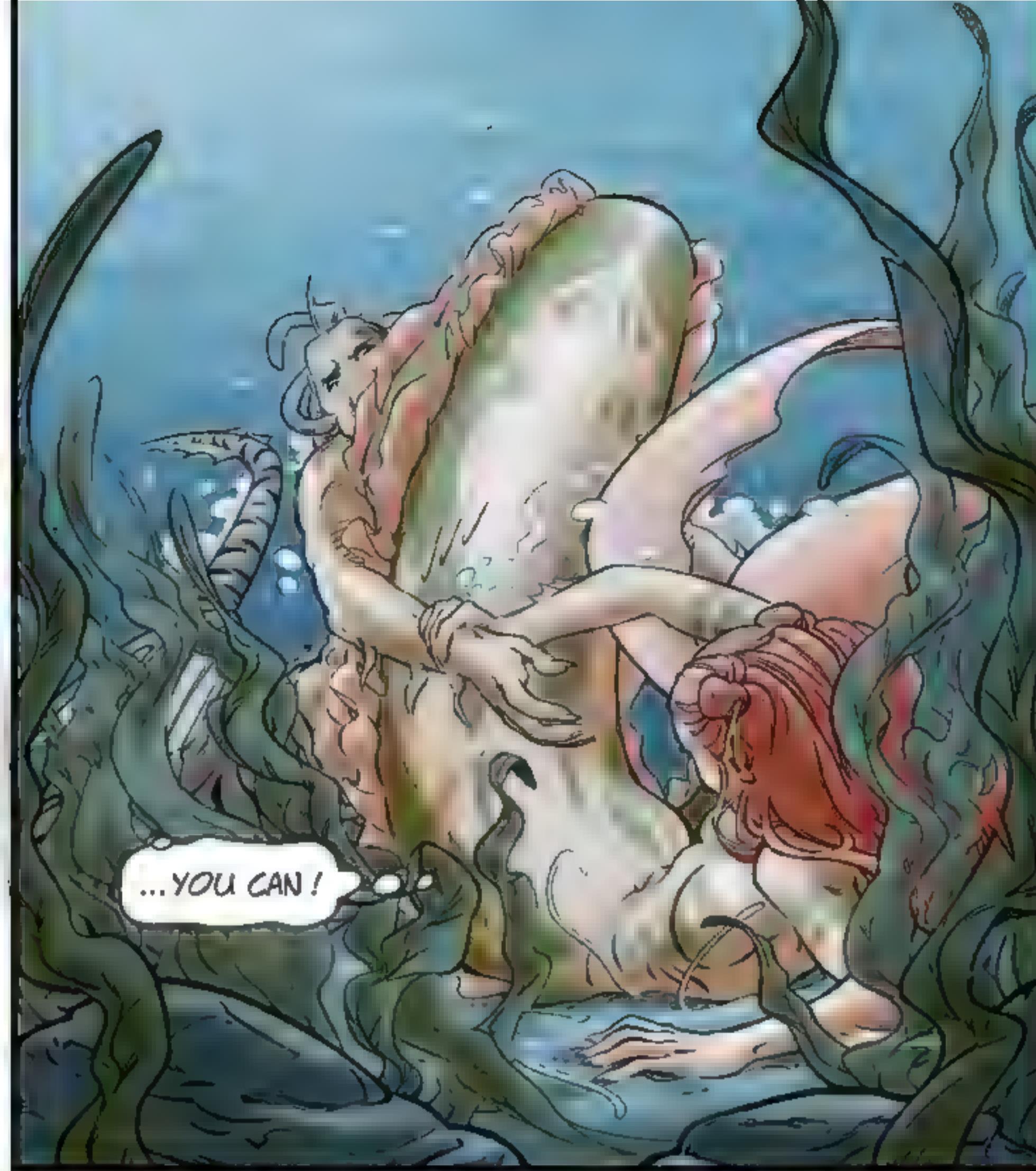


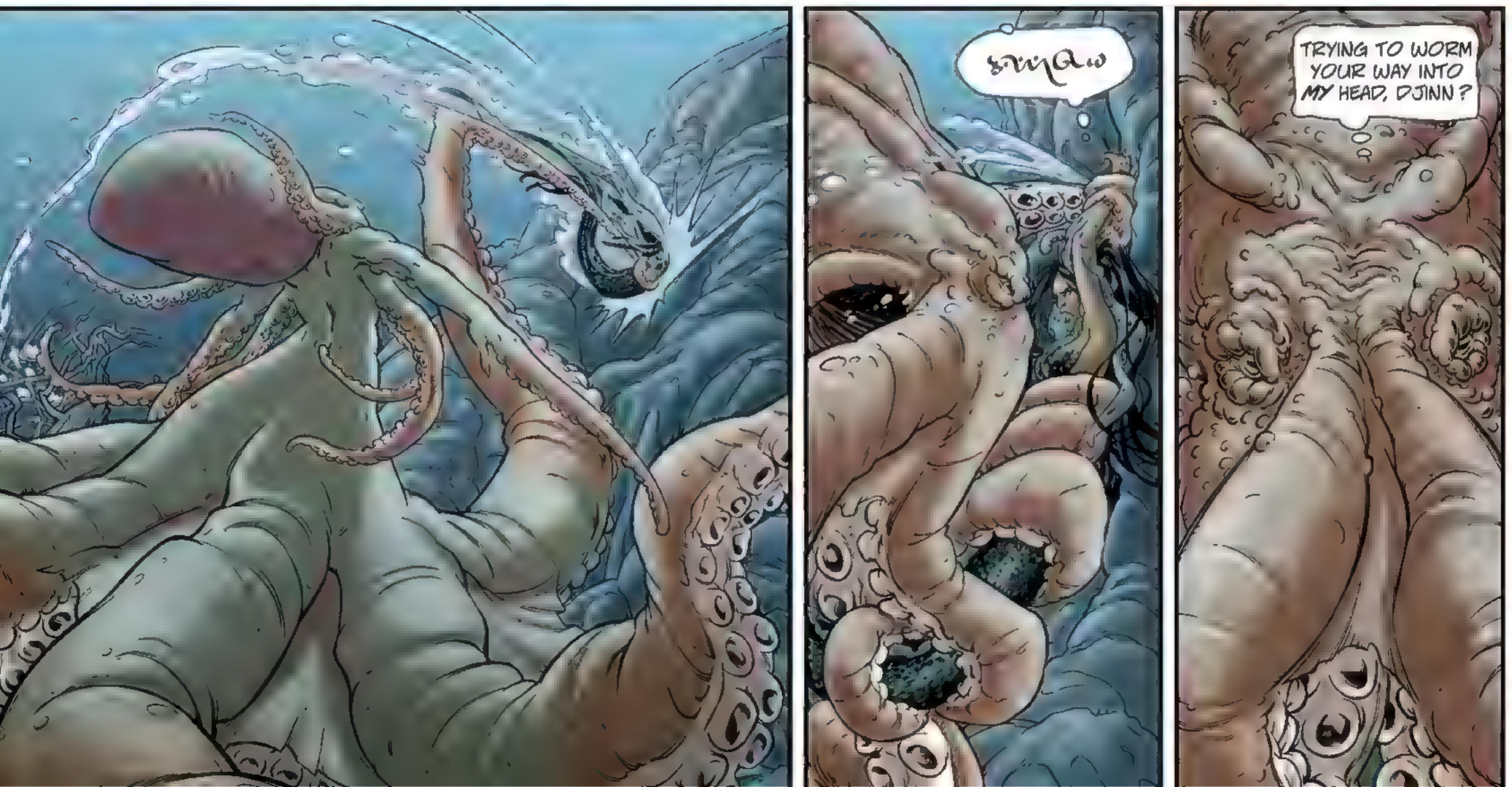
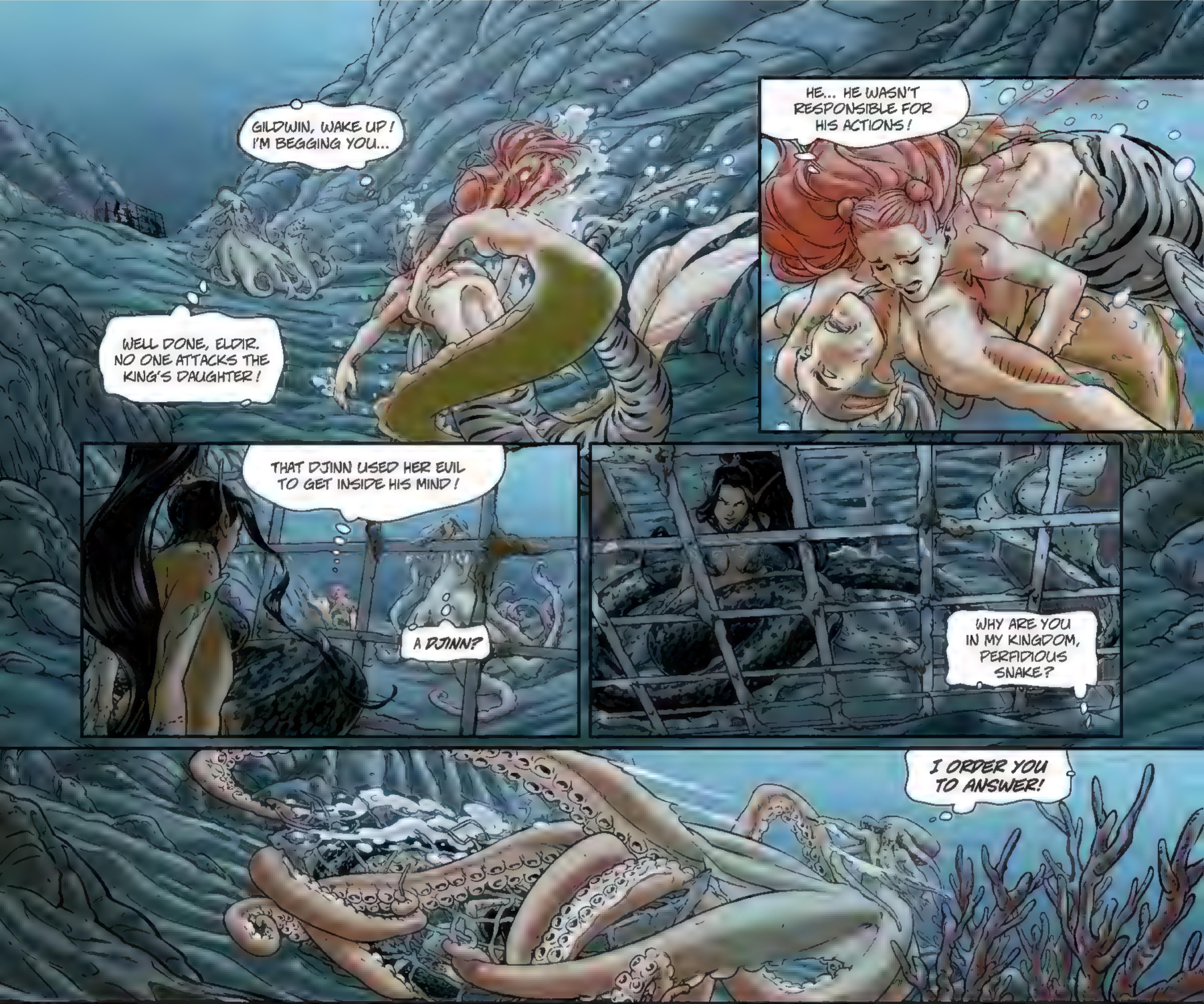


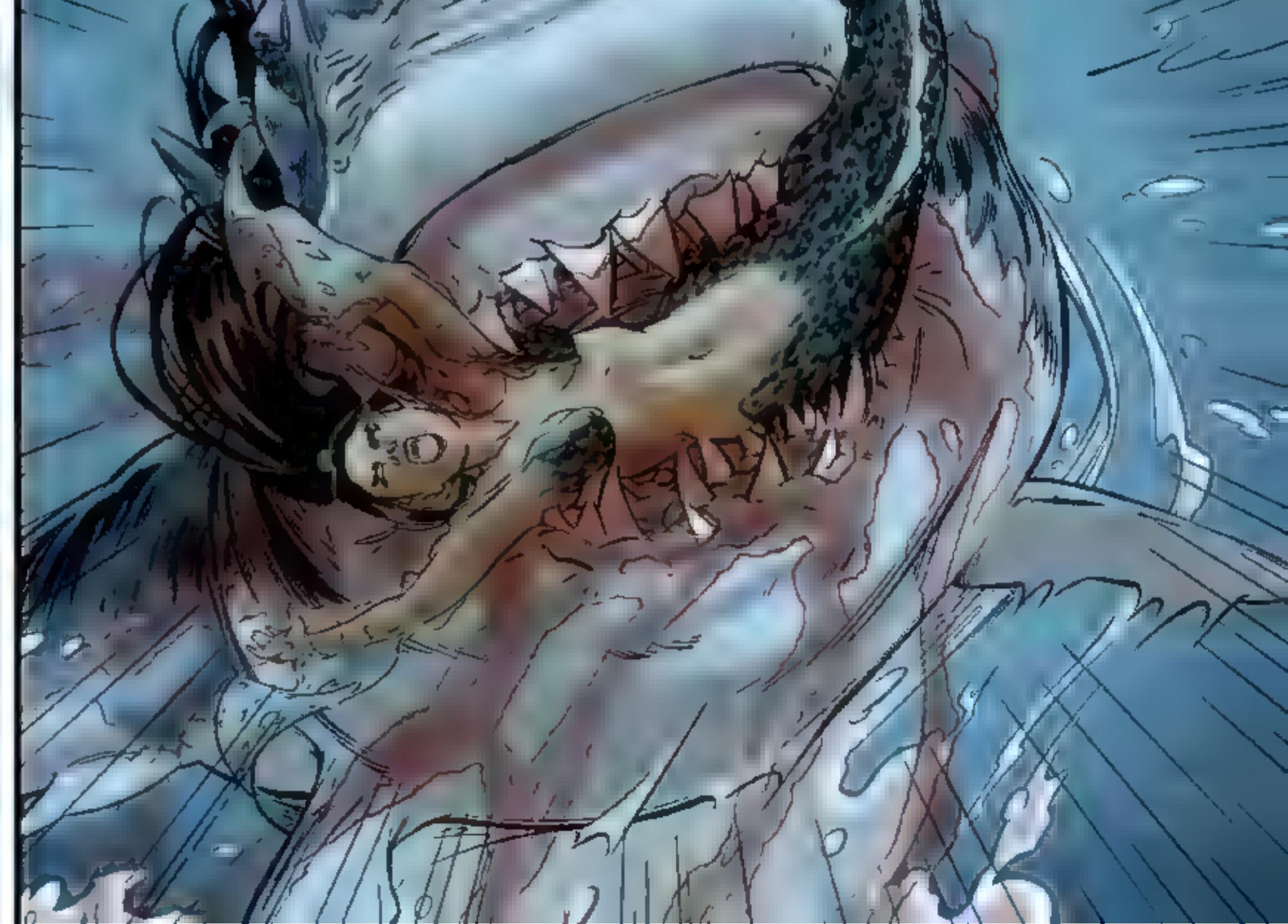
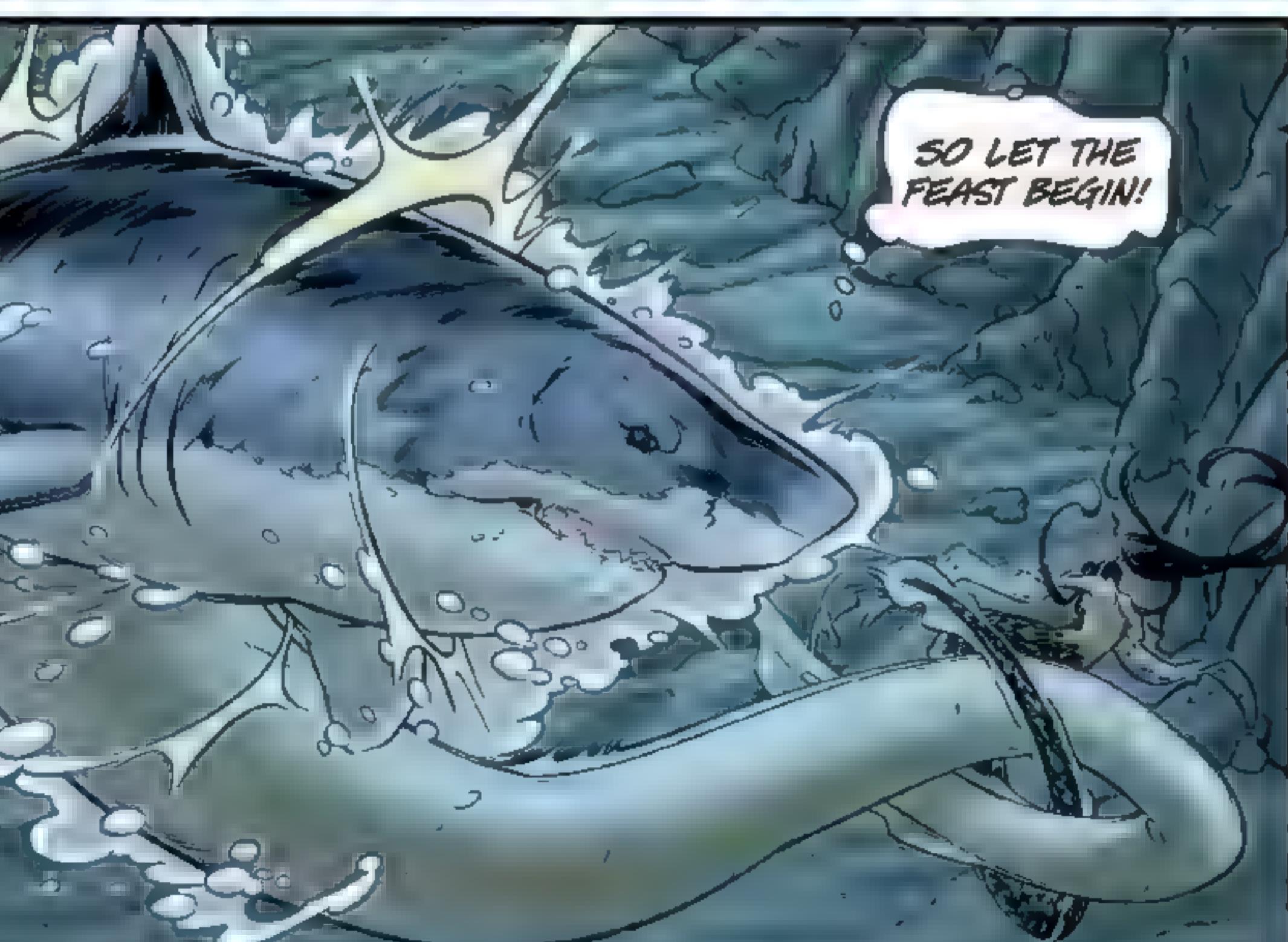
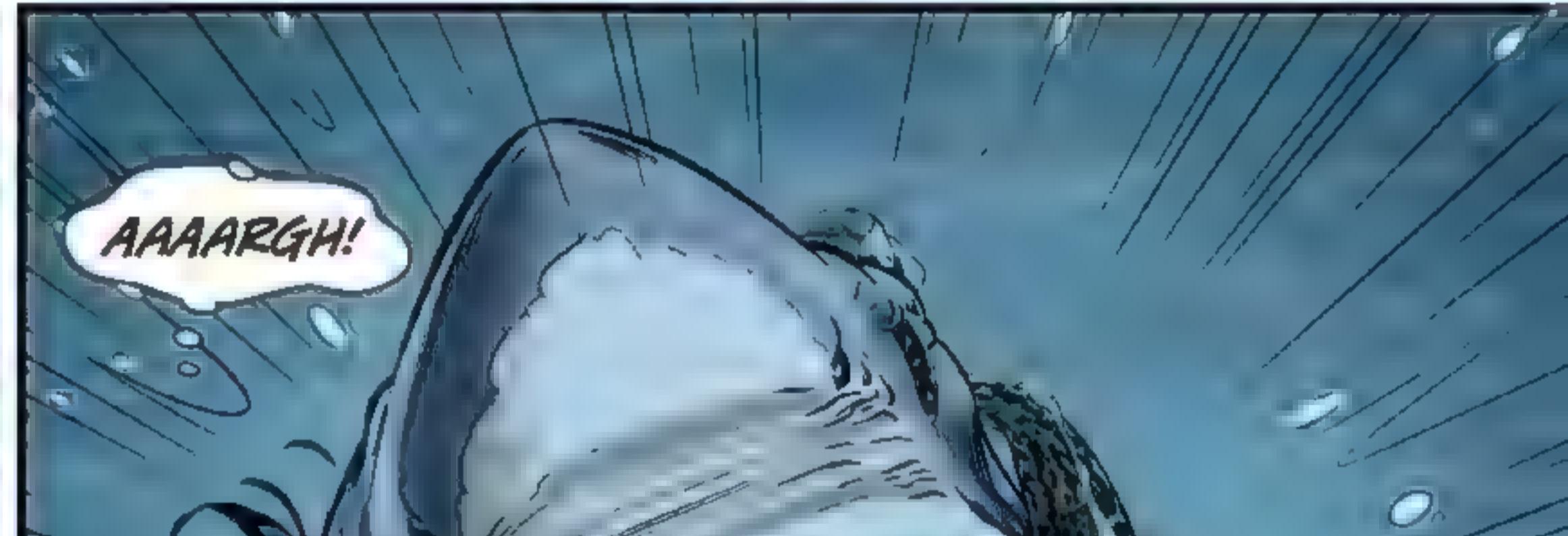
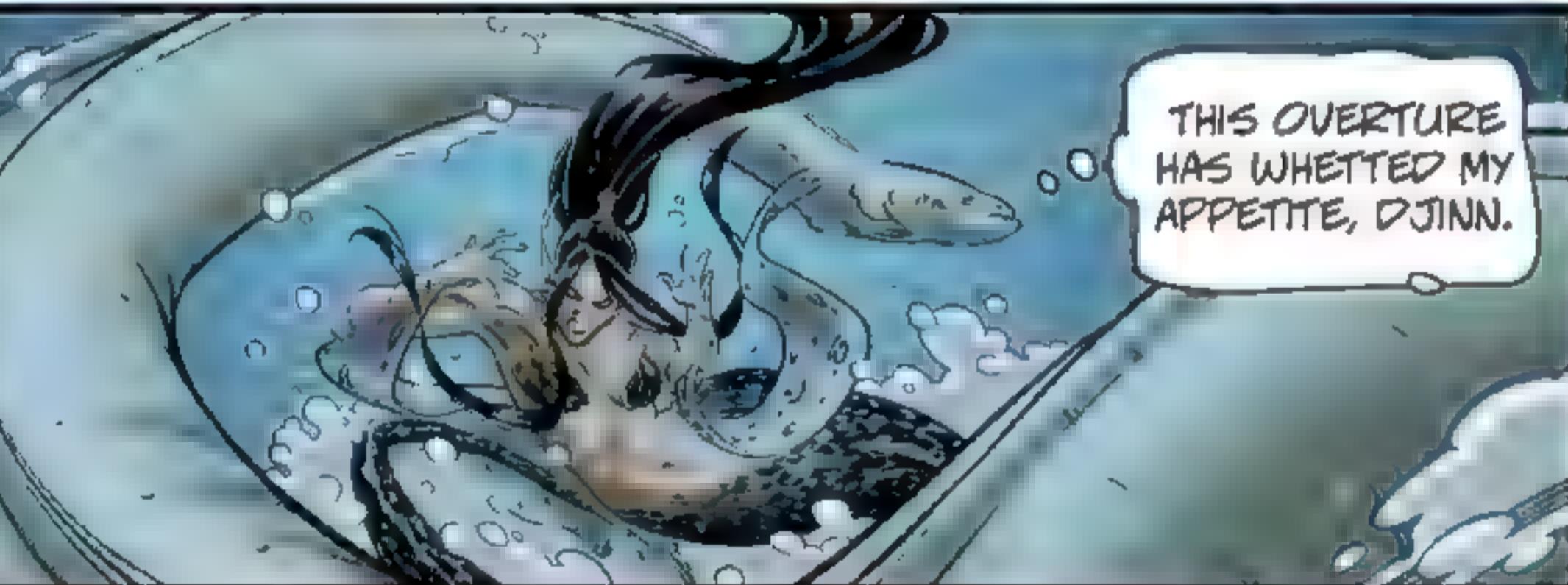
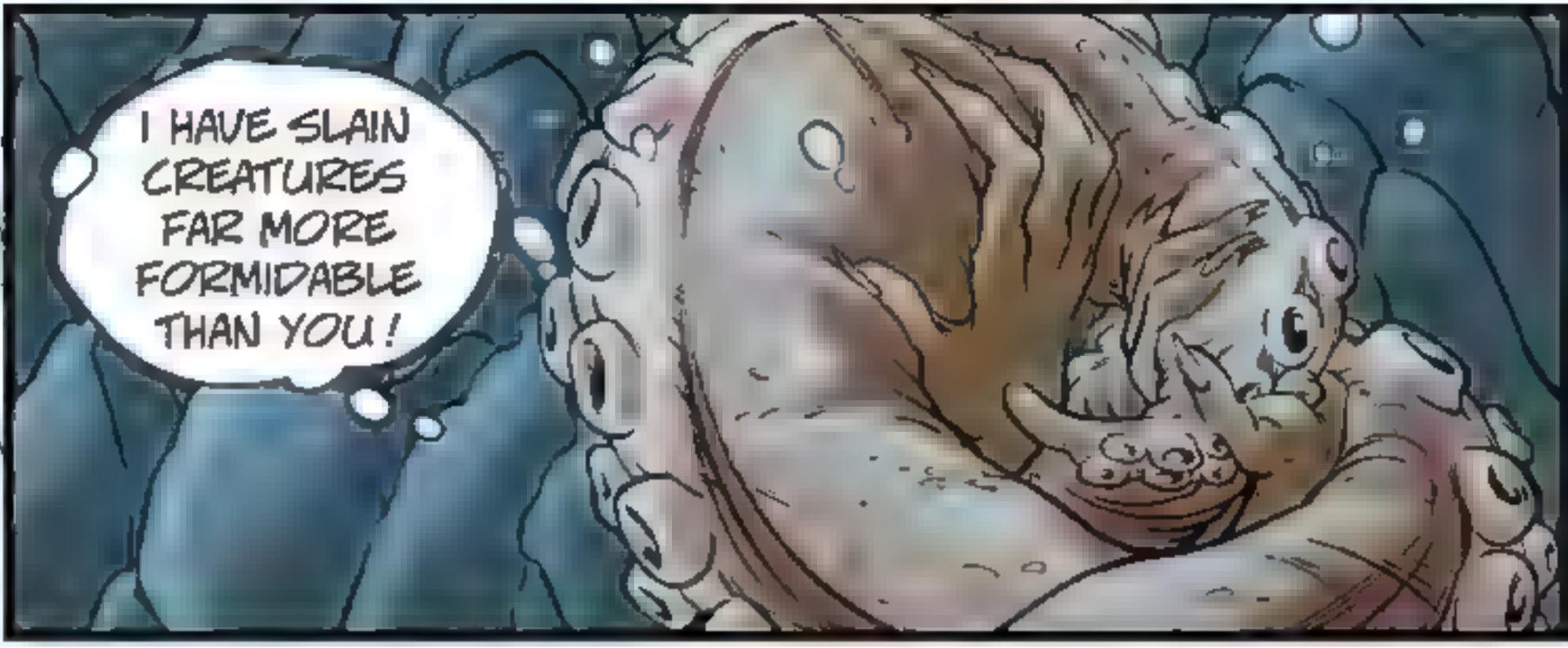


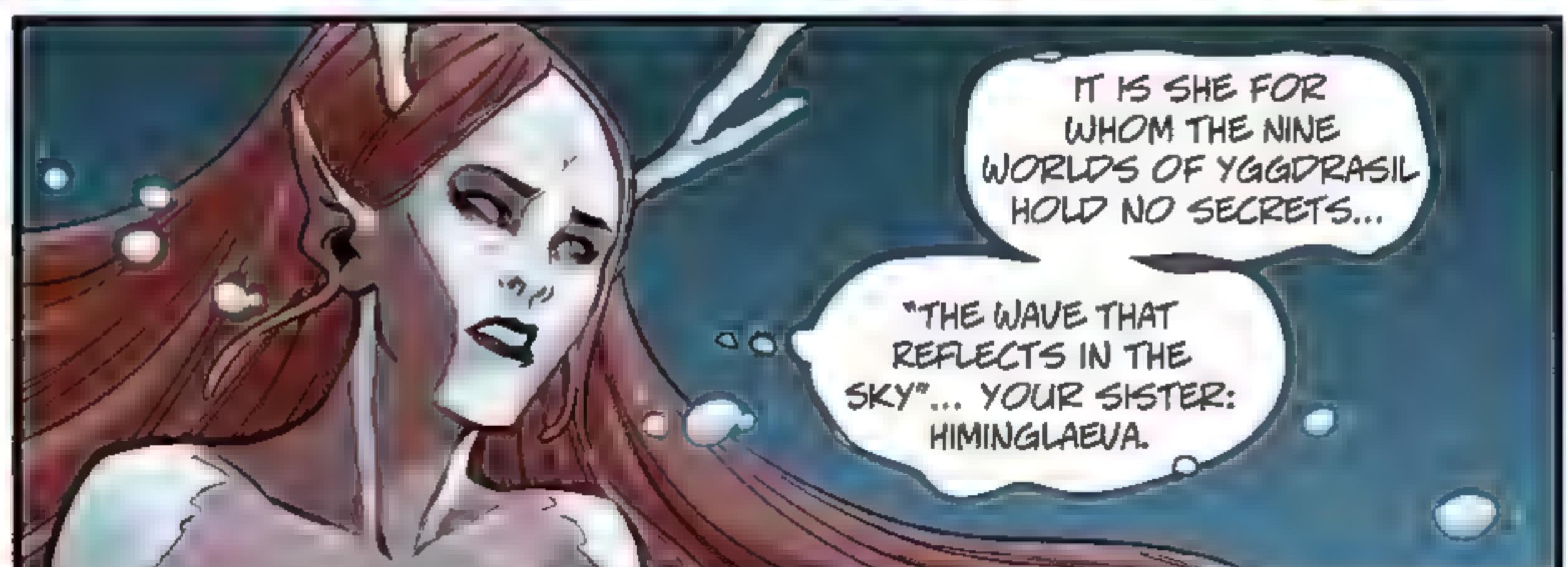
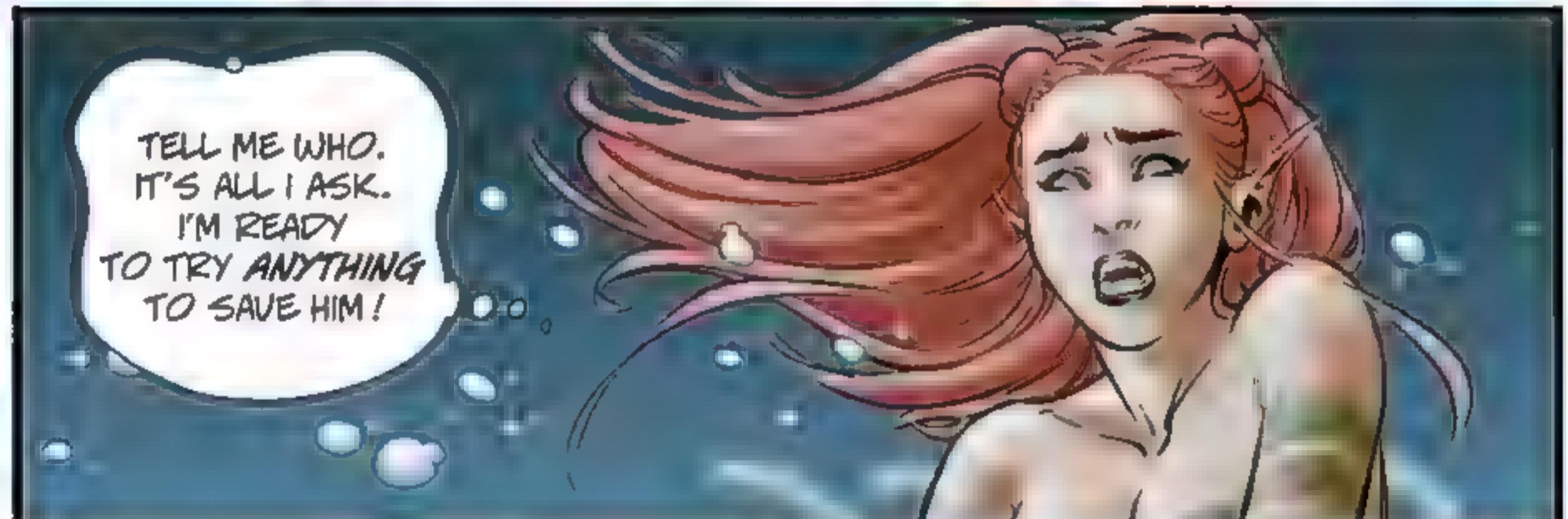
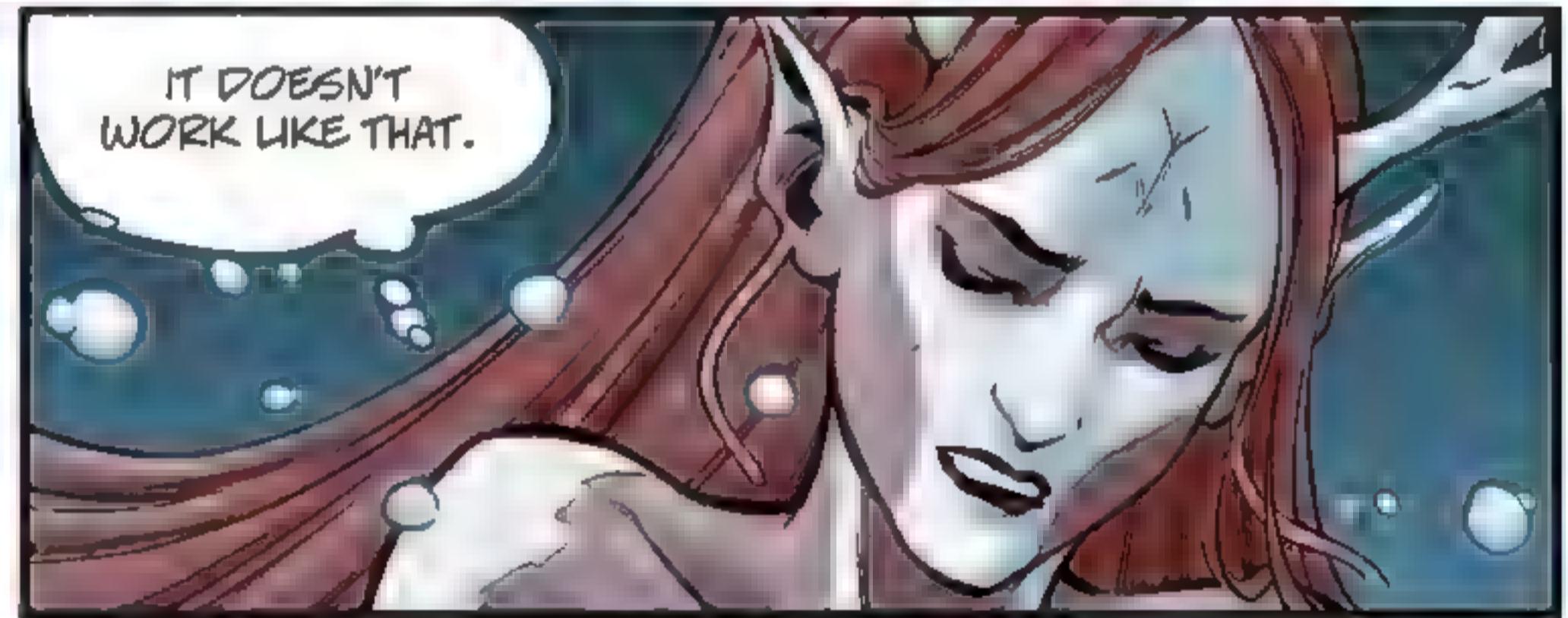
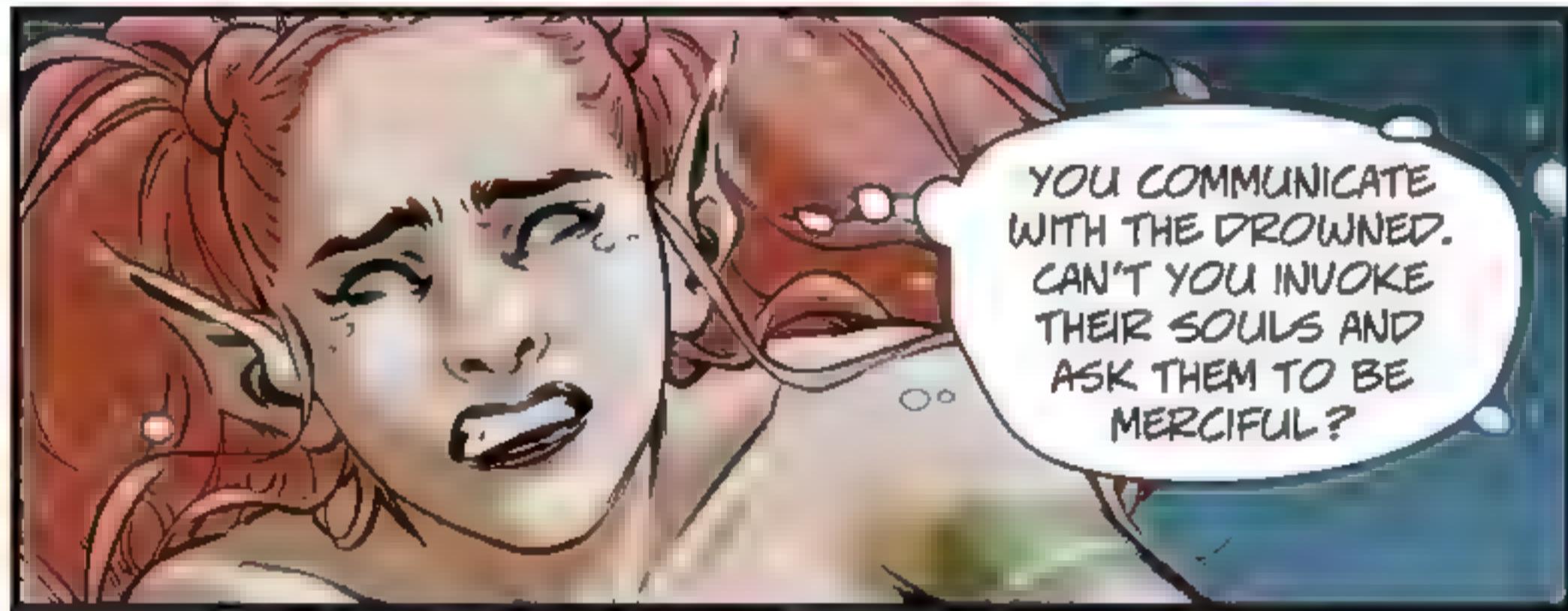
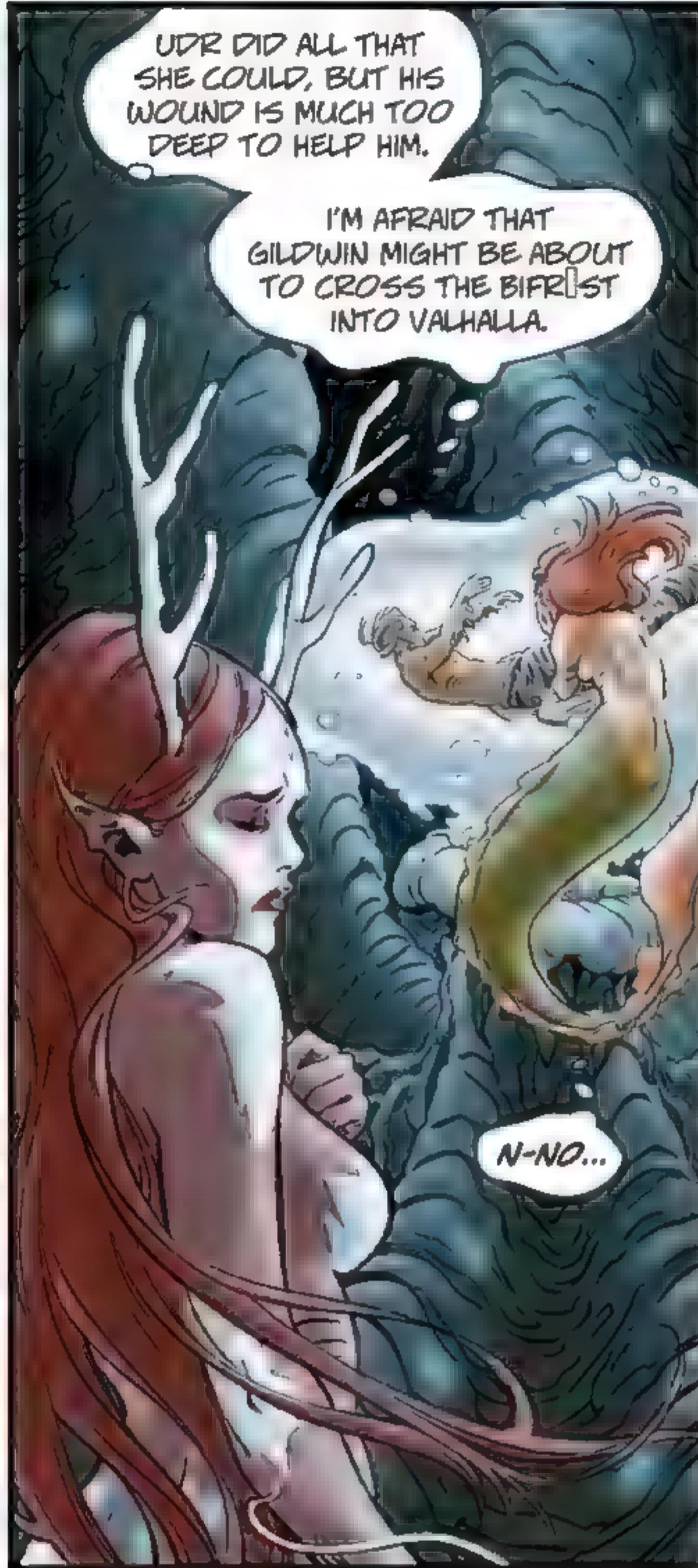
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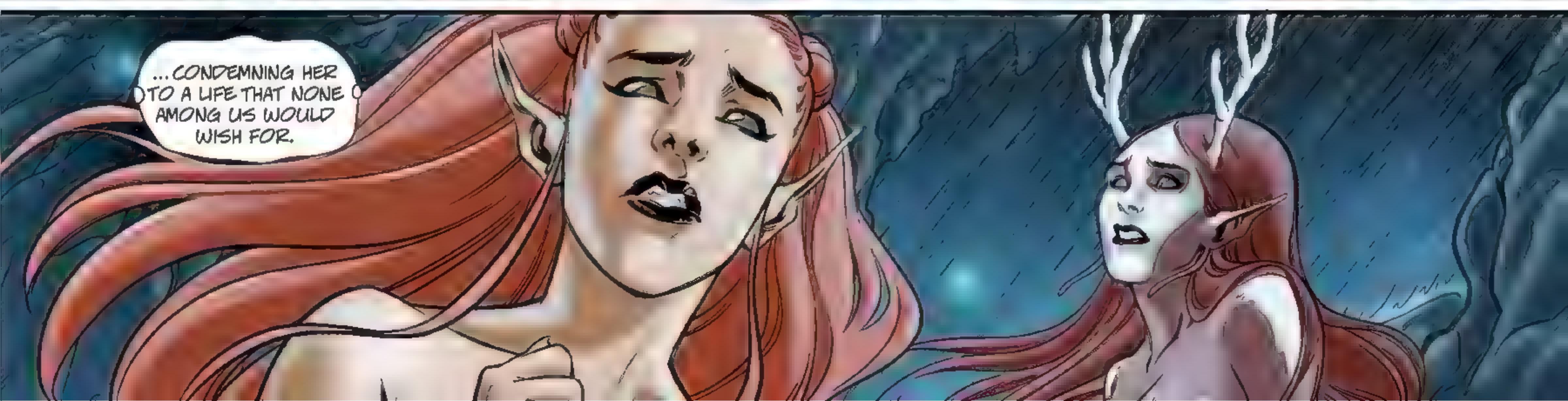
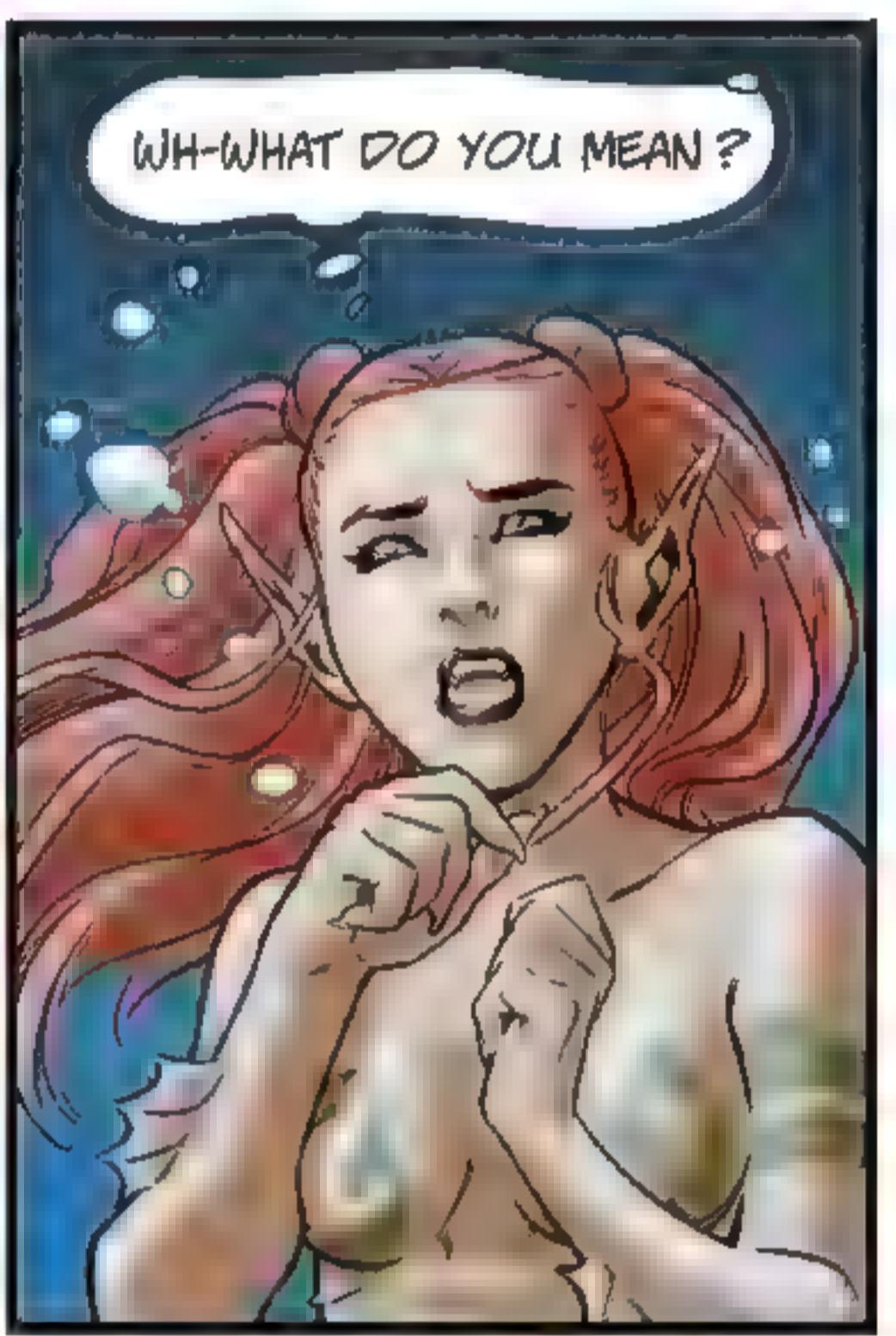
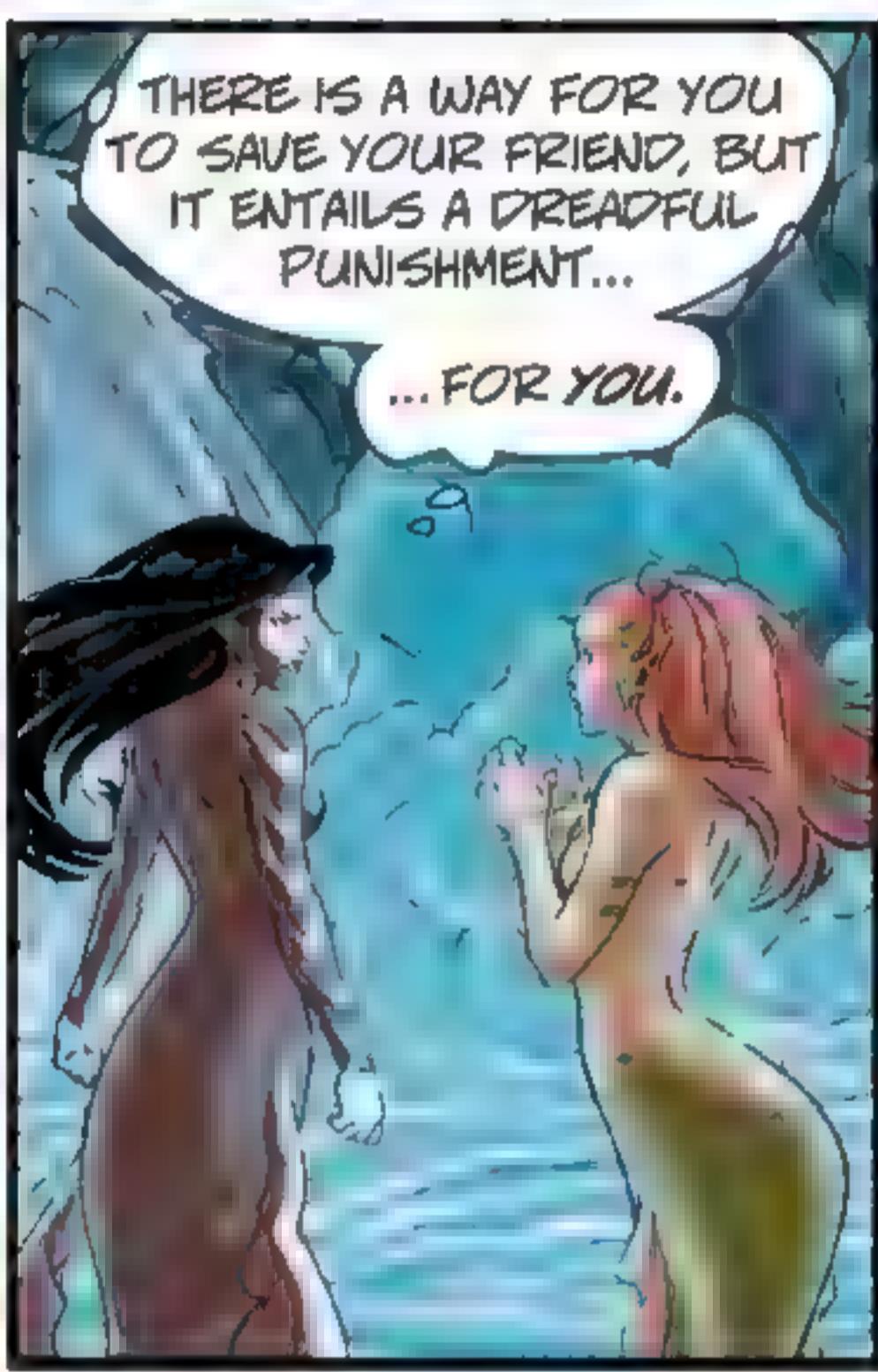
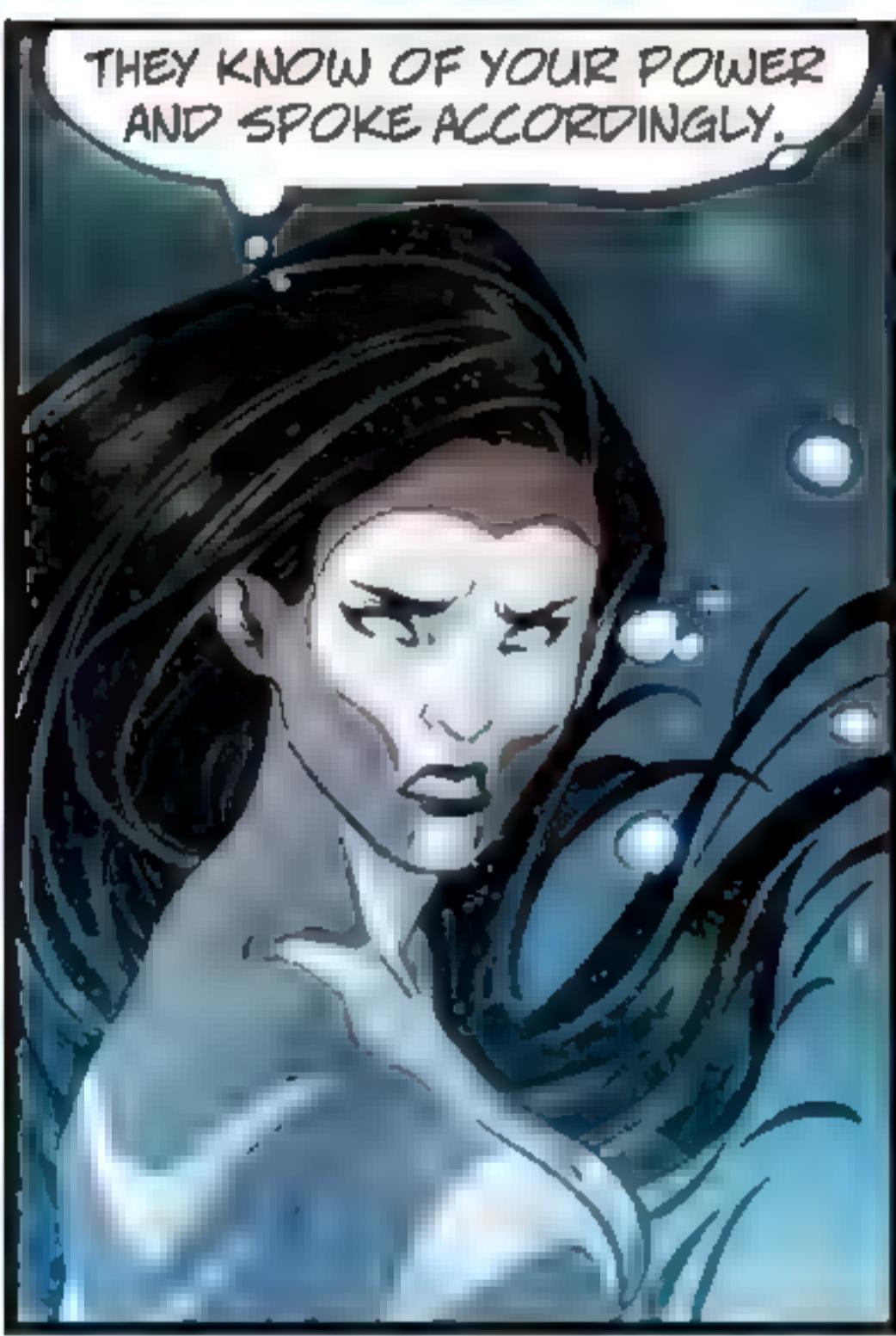
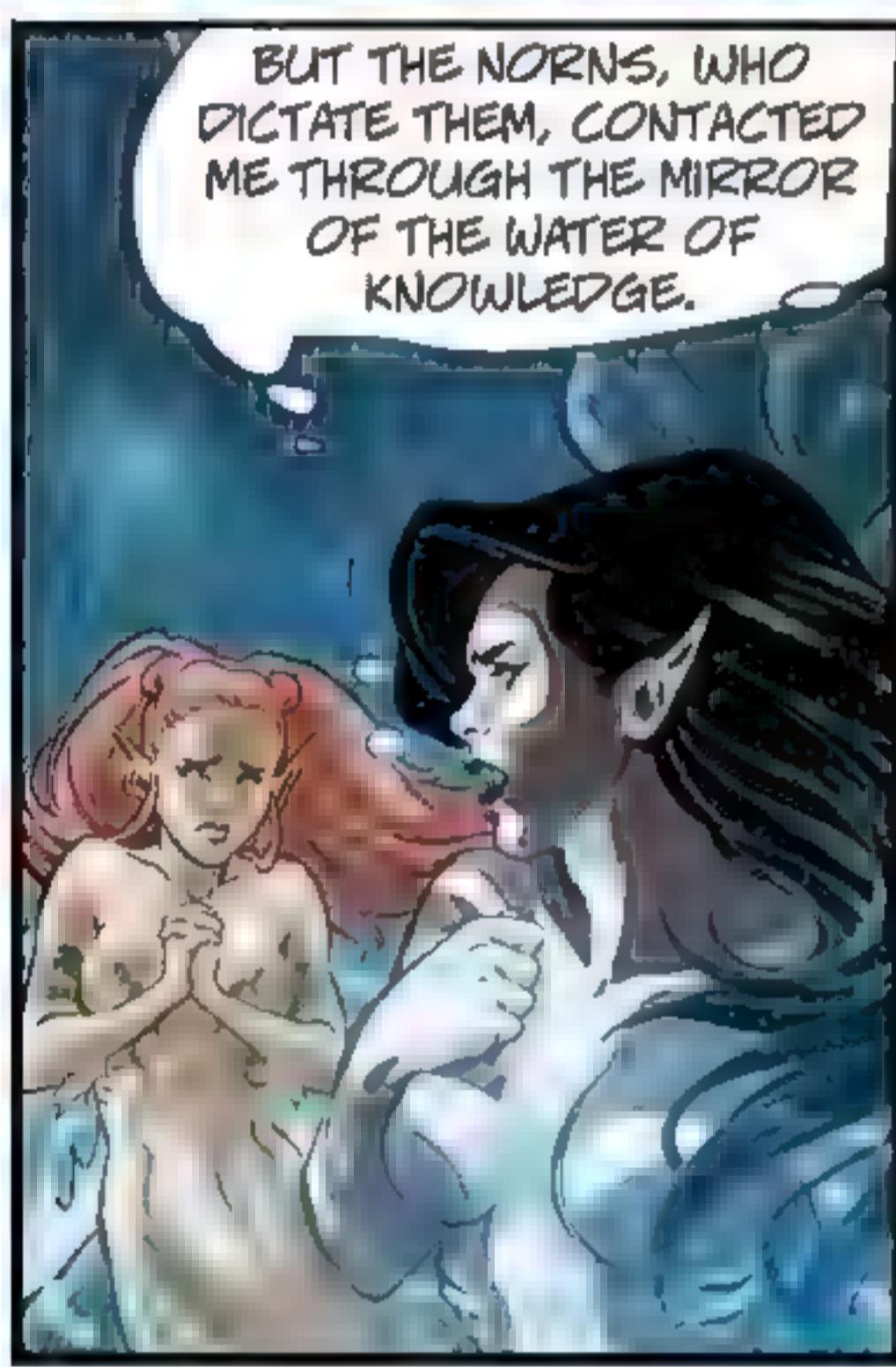


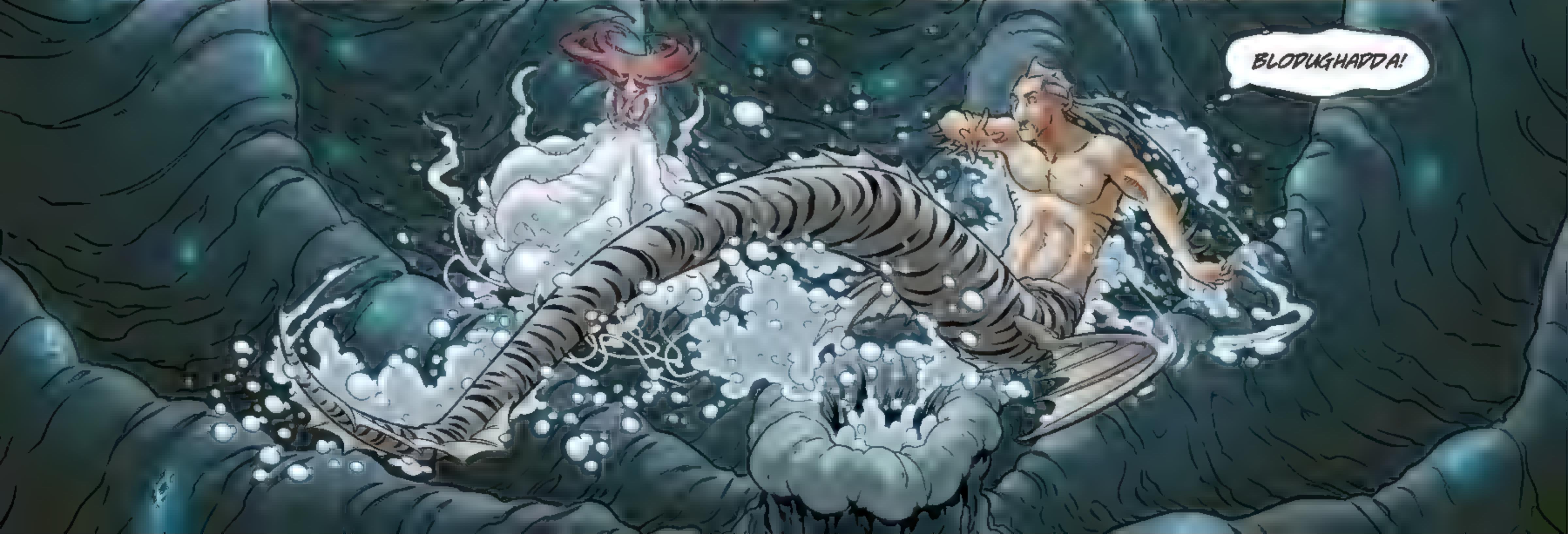
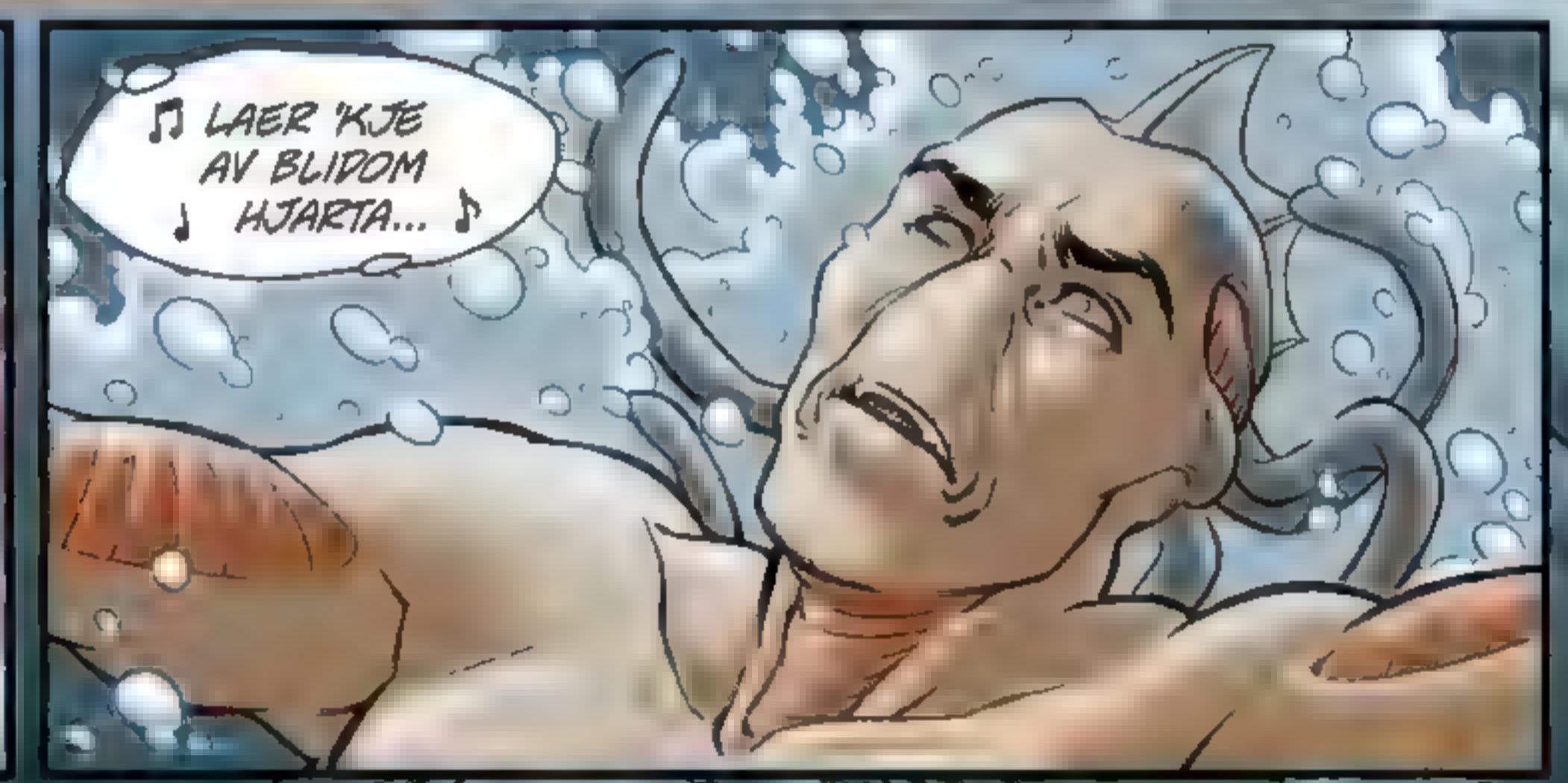
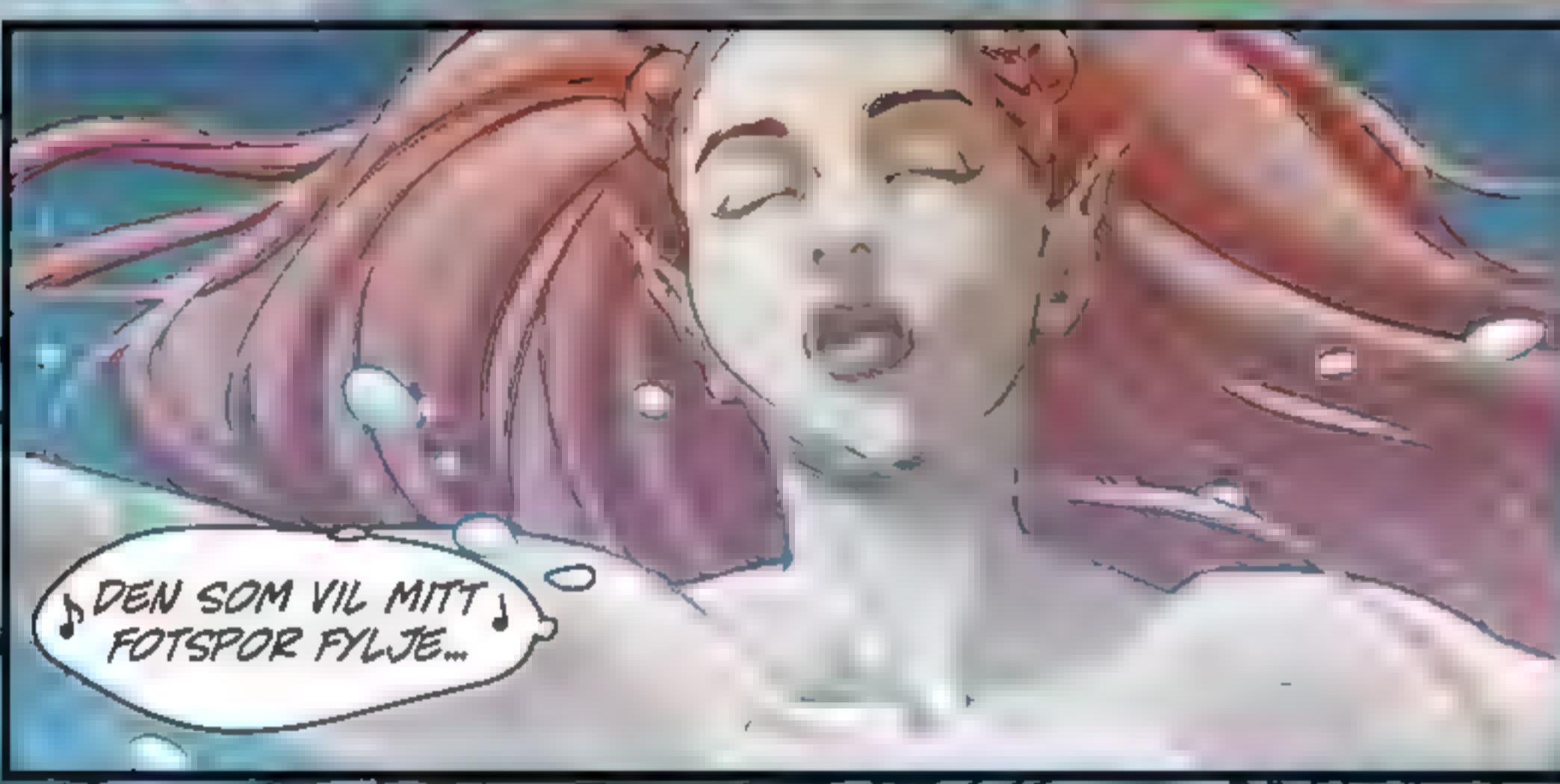
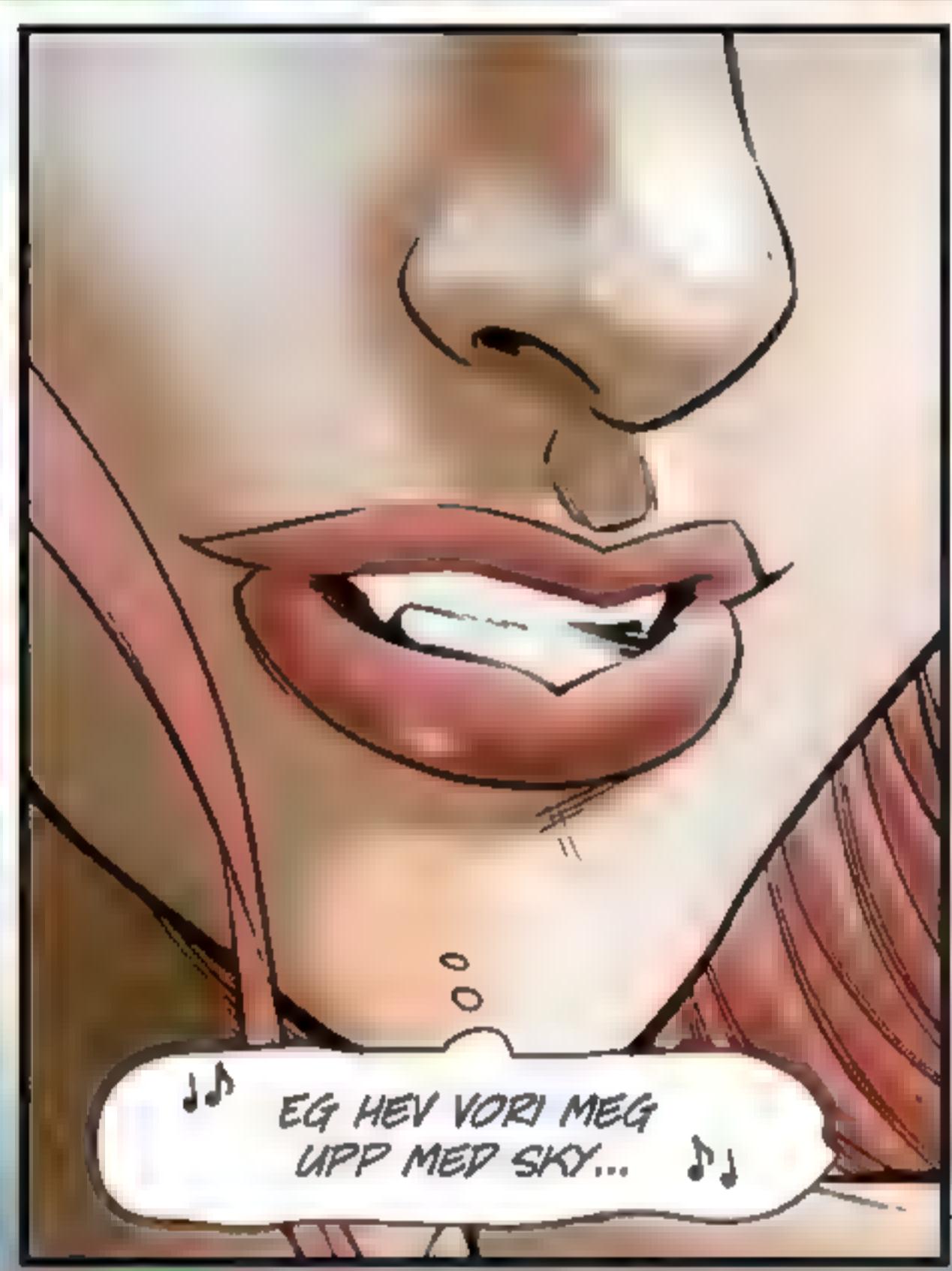
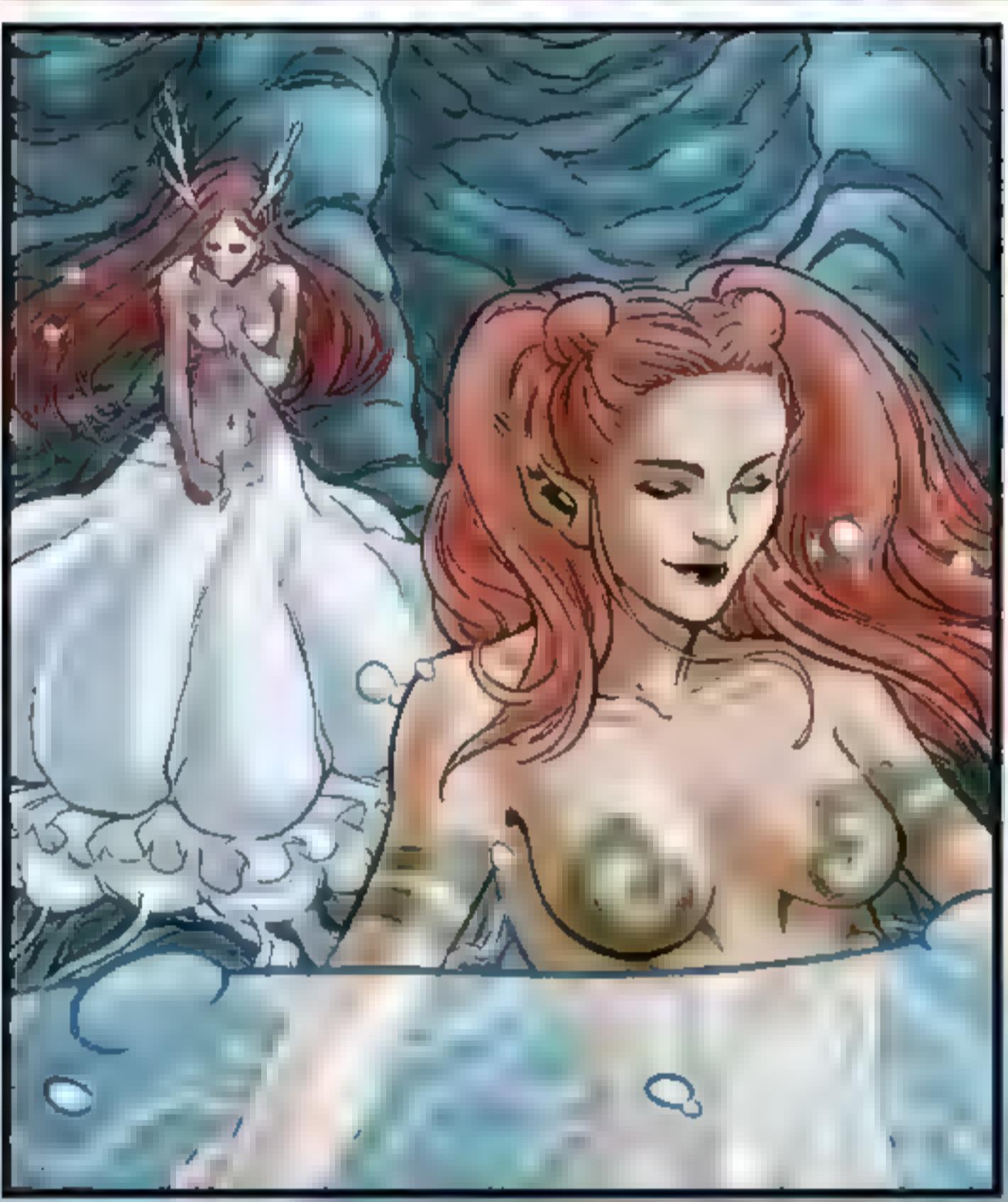
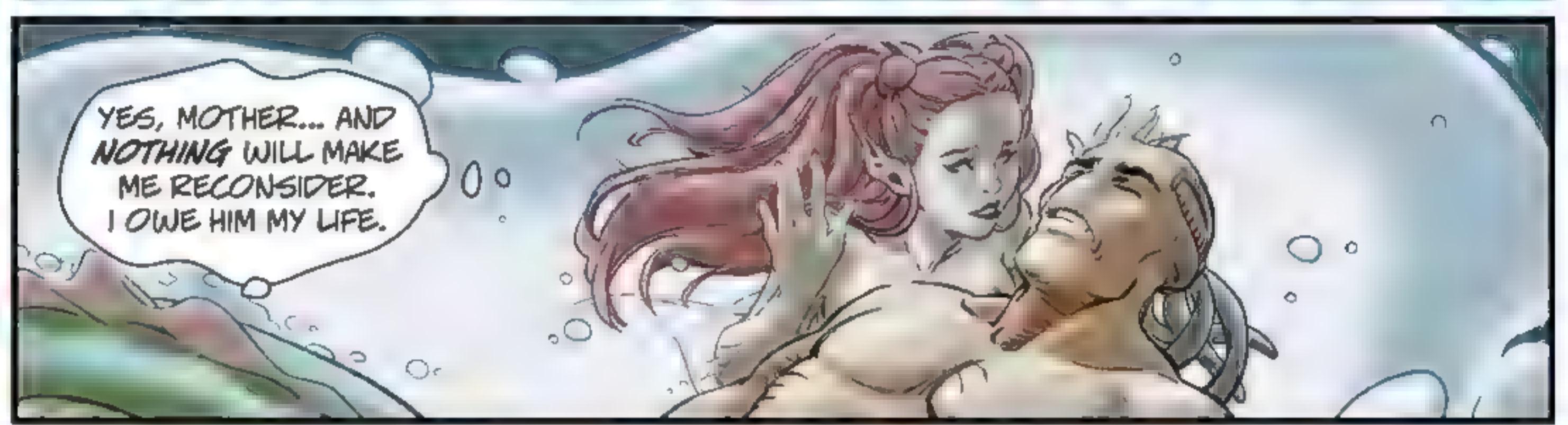
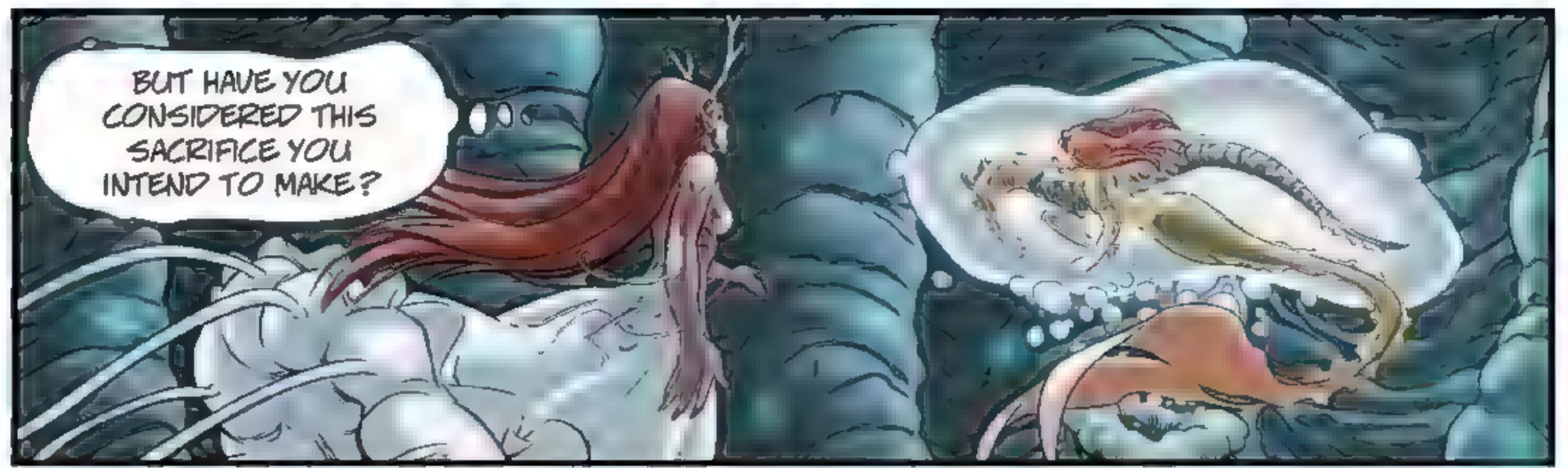
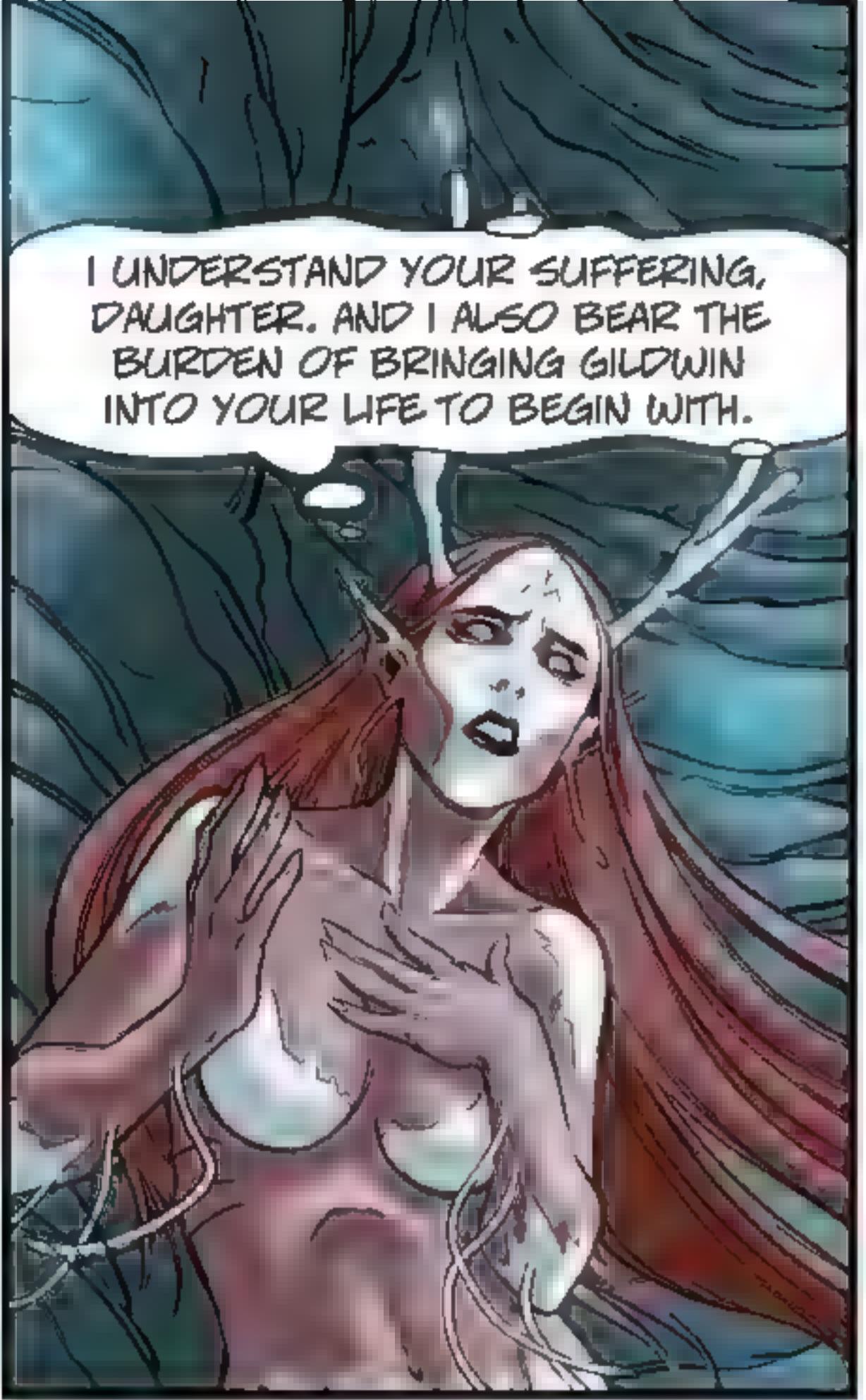


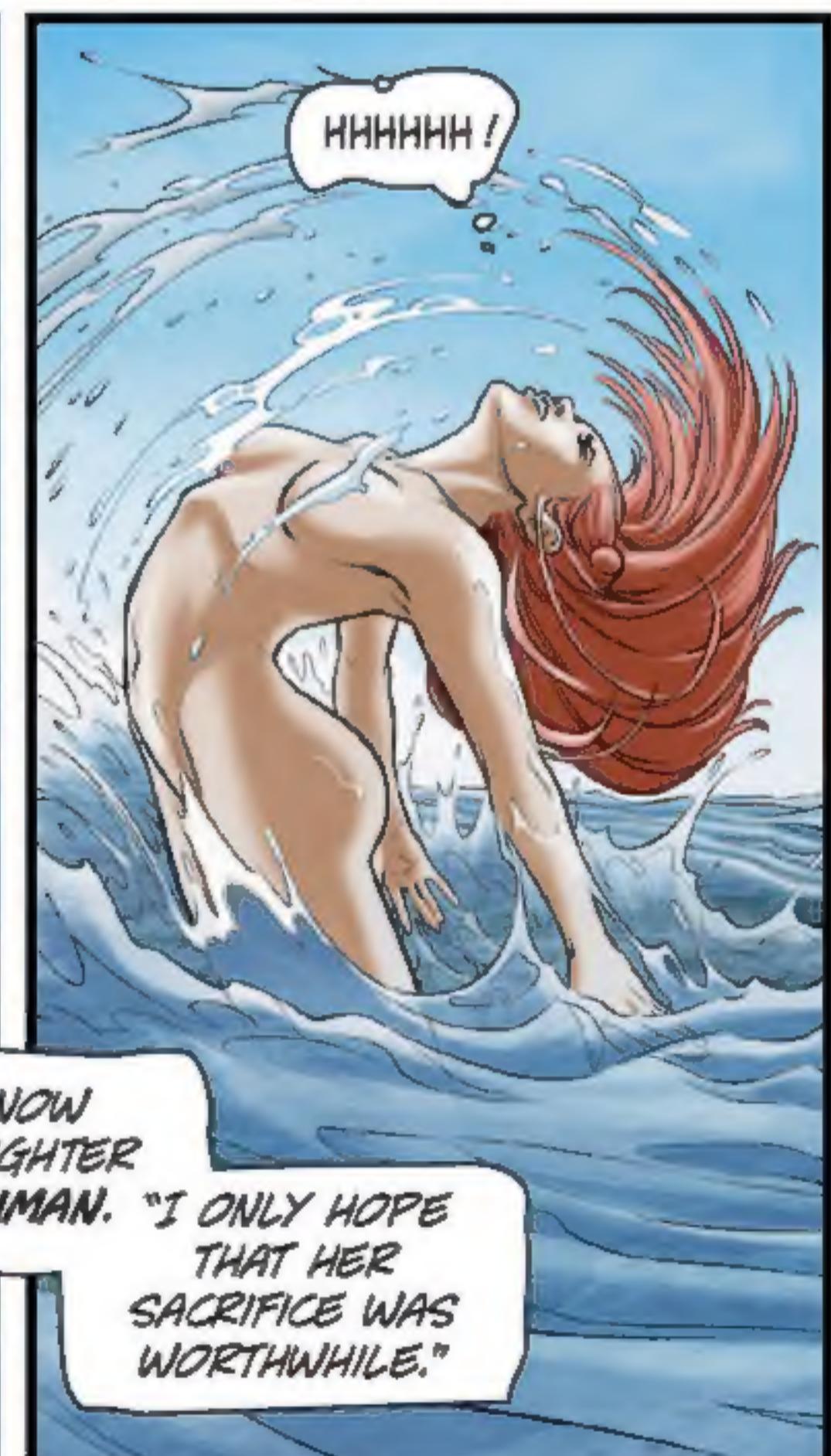
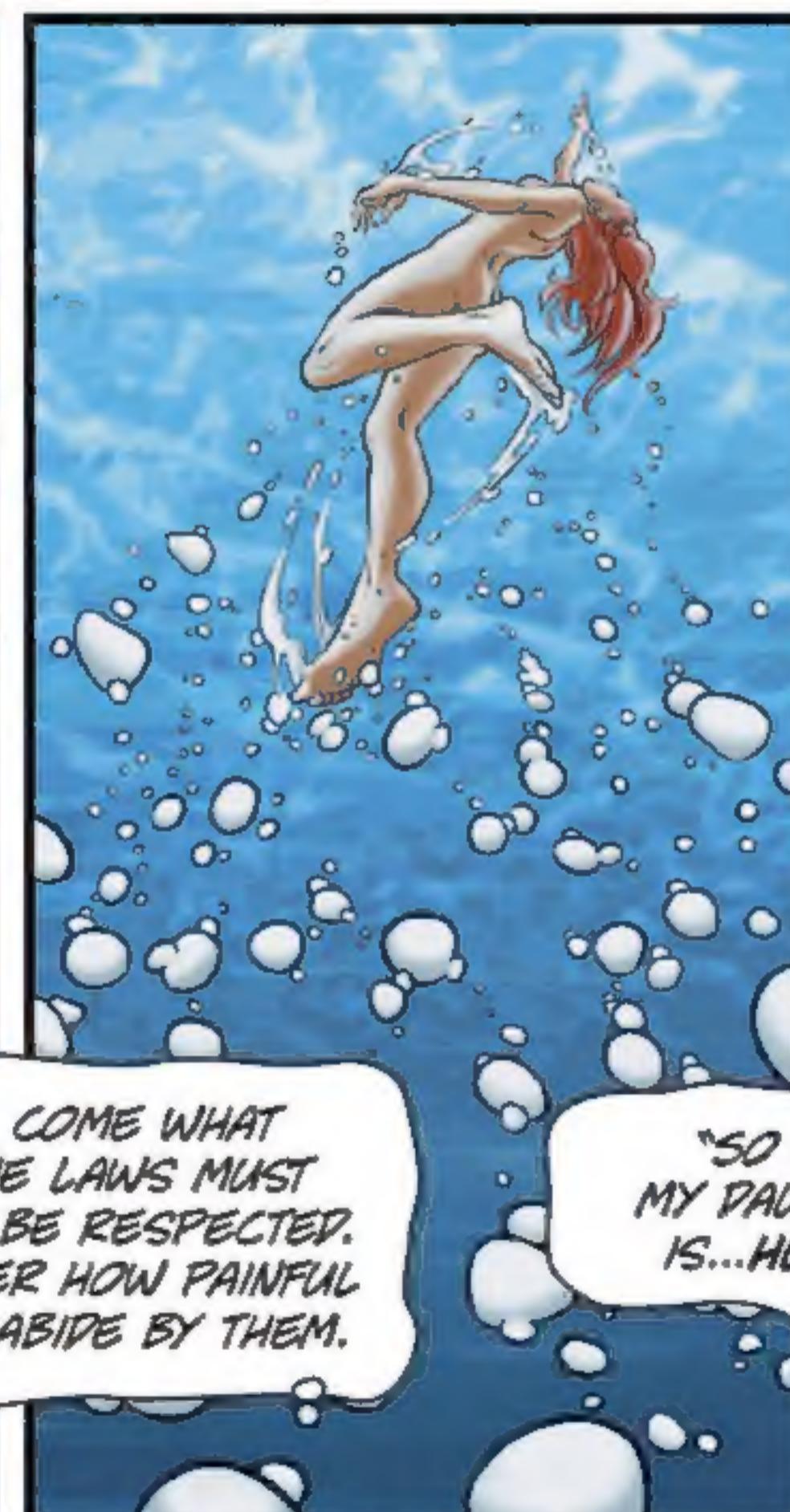
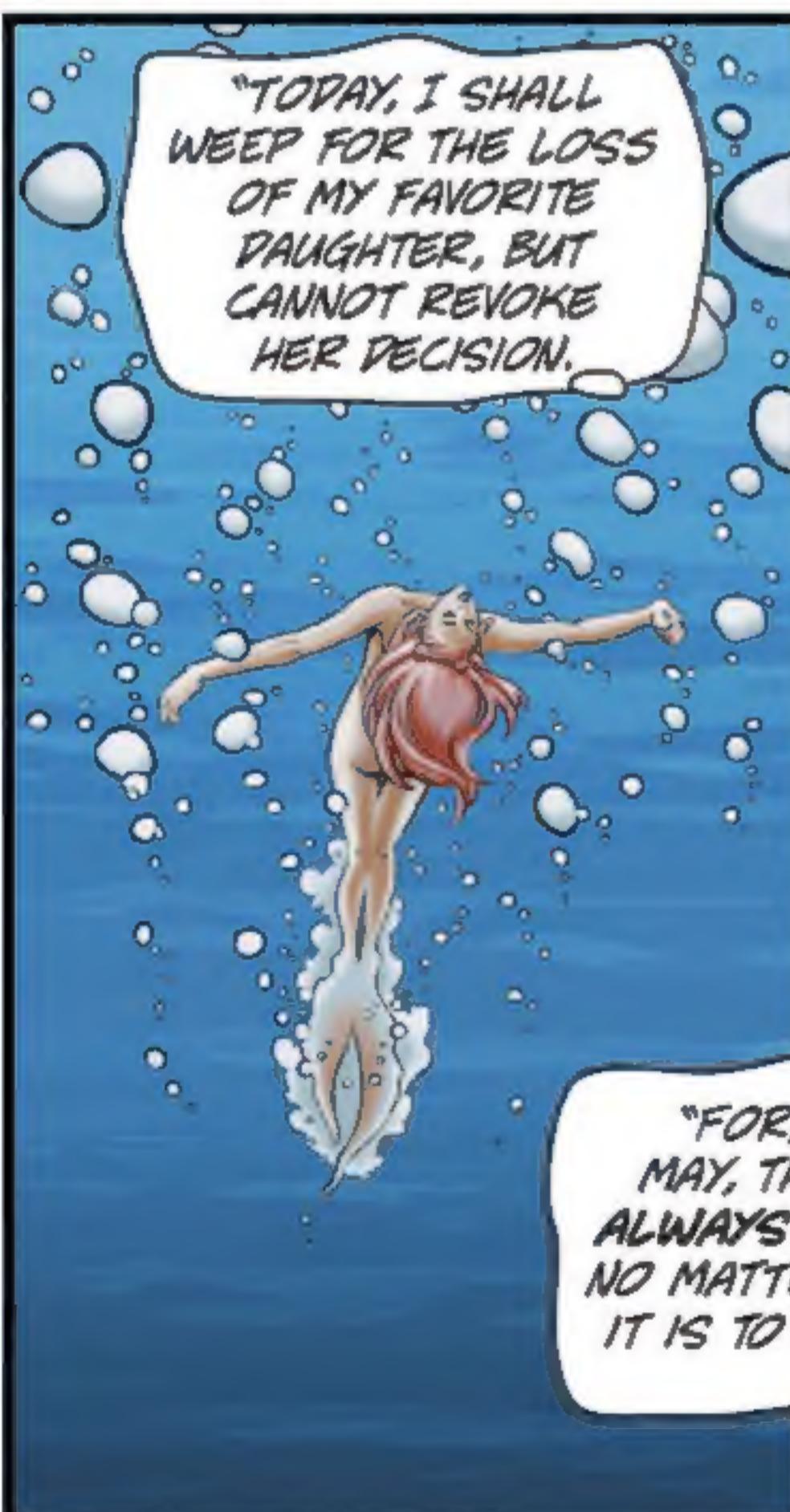
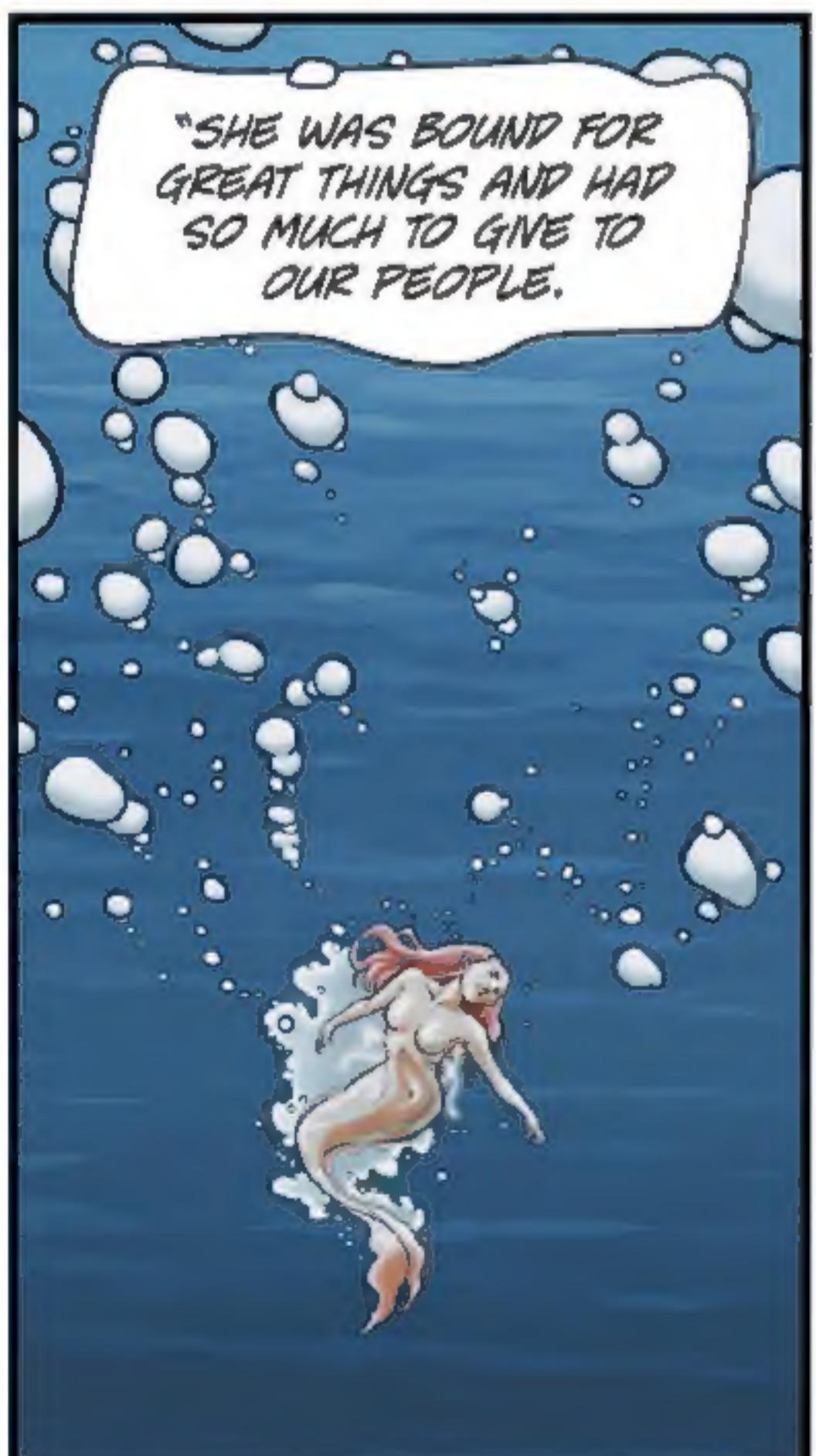
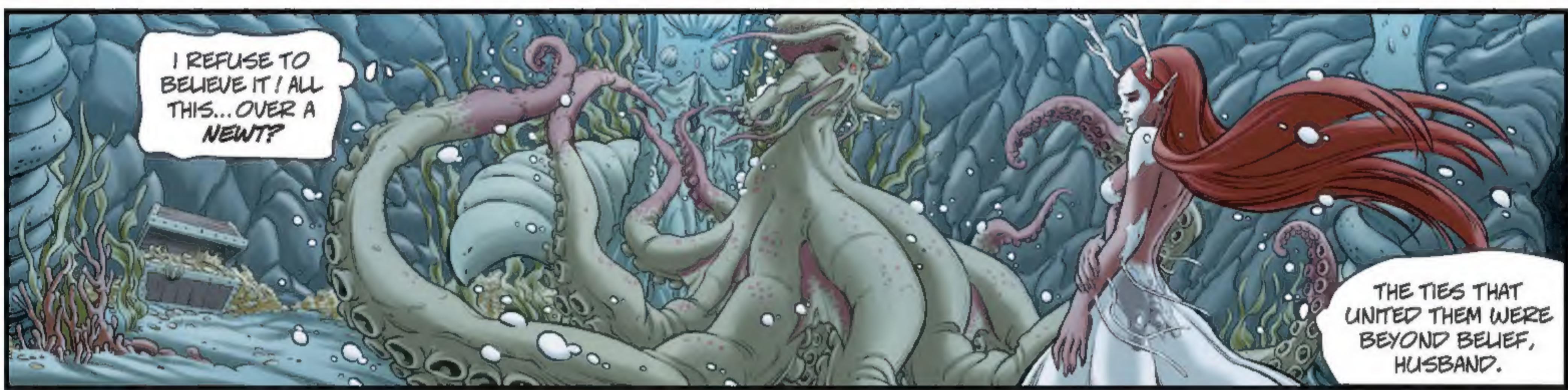
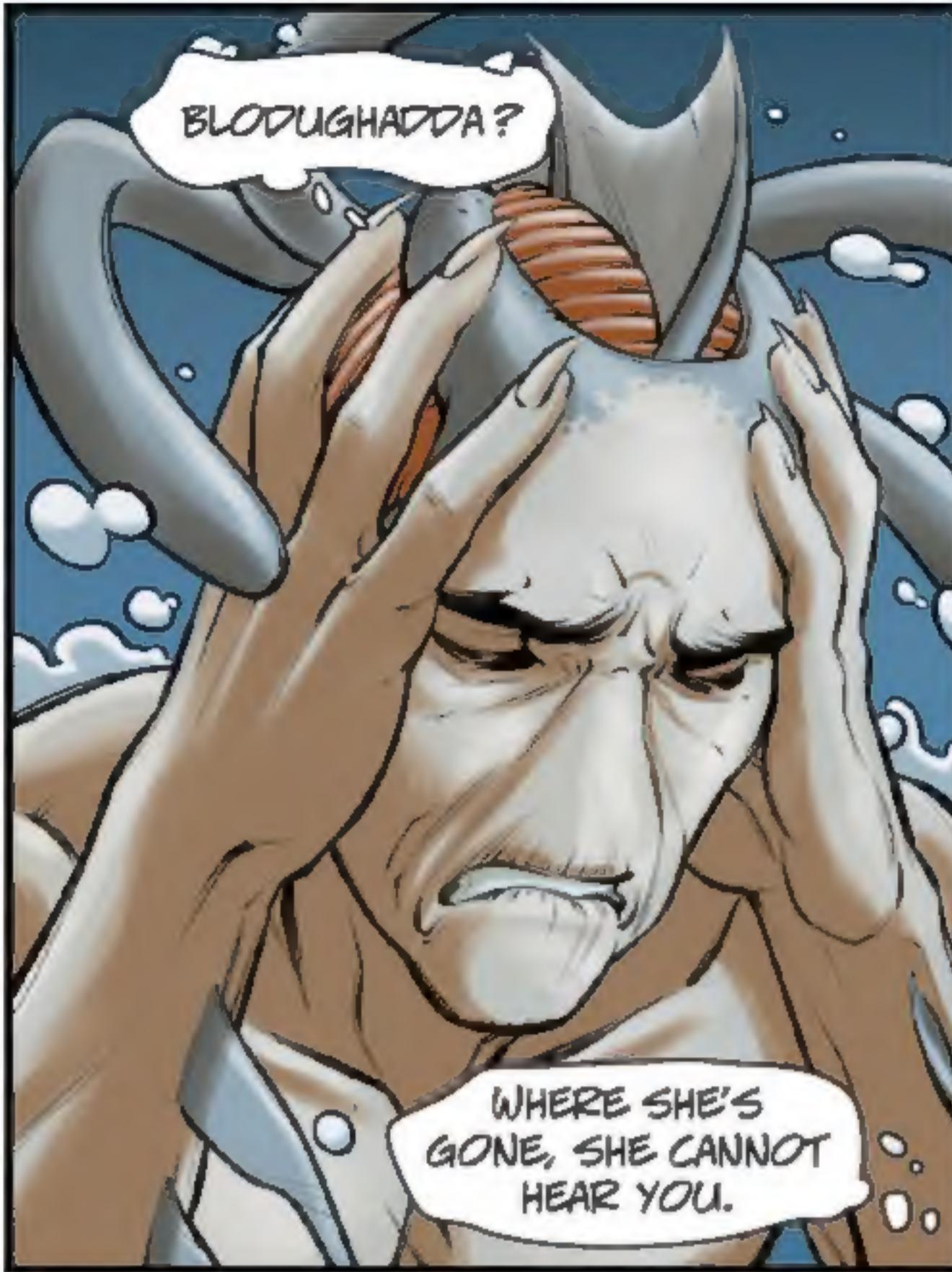












SEVERAL MONTHS LATER...

I'M AFRAID FOR HIS LIFE, INGA.

I KNOW HE'S DIFFERENT FROM ALL THE REST, BUT HE'S STILL MY CHILD.

HE MAY NOT TALK LIKE US, AND HE HARDLY RECOGNIZES HIS FAMILY, BUT HE'S HARMLESS. NOT LIKE HIS FATHER, HOLGIR, THINKS...

SIGFRED'S JUST A BABY LOCKED INSIDE THE BODY OF AN OLDER CHILD.

HOLGIR IS CONVINCED THAT SOME DEMON HAS BROUGHT THIS BAD LUCK ON OUR FAMILY, SO HE PLANS TO KILL HIM TONIGHT!

I CAN'T LET HIM DO THAT--
AAAAAH!

YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, COMING TO ME, SVANHILD. I KNOW WHAT TO DO.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO CONSULT THE RÍD SPÁKONA*

*RED SOOTHSAVER

